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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson. CPC

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, May 4, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Peter Van Loan.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Navdeep Bains for Hon. Stéphane Dion,
Johanne Deschamps for Diane Bourgeois,
Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Keith Martin,
and Alan Tonks for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.



IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Eugene Morawski, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, May 4, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:28 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Peter Van Loan.

Acting Members present: Hon. Navdeep Bains for Hon. Stéphane Dion, Johanne Deschamps for Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Keith Martin and Alan Tonks for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: House of Commons: Eugene Morawski, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Bernard Patry, it was agreed, — That Mr. Kevin Sorenson be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Francine Lalonde, it was agreed, — That Mr. Bernard Patry be elected Official Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Johanne Deschamps, it was agreed, — That Mrs. Francine Lalonde be elected Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Parliamentary Information and Research Service of the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Member from the New Democratic Party do compose the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least three (3) members are present, including a member of the opposition.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages and that no document provided by a witness be distributed without the authorization of the Clerk of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That witnesses be given ten (10) minutes for their opening statement that, at the

discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated ten (10) minutes for the first questioner of each party when a Minister appears before the Committee and five (5) minutes for the other meetings and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner alternating between Government and opposition parties.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

It was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation, and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; provided that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have one staff person present at *in camera* meetings.

It was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That, except for amendments to bills, twenty-four (24) hours' notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; and That the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Committee's next meeting.

It was agreed, — That for motions requiring (24) hours notice, the Chair be authorized to defer consideration until 15 minutes prior to the adjournment time for the meeting as indicated in the Notice of the meeting.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to purchase documents for its use.

It was agreed, — That the Committee be authorized to purchase gifts to be presented to foreign hosts while travelling and as well to foreign delegations visiting Ottawa.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet on Tuesday, May 9, at 3:30.

At 3:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
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Chair: Kevin Sorenson, CPC

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Francine Lalonde, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Peter Van Loan.

Acting Members present: Colleen Beaumier for Hon. Stéphane Dion, Wayne Marston for Alexa McDonough and Caroline St-Hilaire for Diane Bourgeois.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the first Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. That the Committee will meet Wednesdays rather than Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
2. That Philippe Kirsch, President of International Criminal Court, be invited to appear before the Committee June 6, 2006.
3. That the Committee meet informally from time to time with international delegations
4. That Michael Wilson, Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America and John McNee, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations be invited to appear before the Committee as soon as possible and that the meeting or meetings be televised if possible.
5. That, pursuant to Standing Orders 108(1) and 108(2), a Subcommittee on International Human Rights to be chaired by a member elected by the Subcommittee, be established to inquire into matters relating to the promotion of respect for international human rights, as may be referred to it by the Committee; that the subcommittee be composed of seven (7) members or associate members of which three (3) shall be government members and two (2) shall be Liberal members, one shall be from the Bloc Québécois and one from the New Democratic Party, to be named following the usual consultations with the Whips; and that the Subcommittee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, to receive evidence, to sit during a time when the Committee is not sitting in Ottawa, to sit when the Committee is sitting outside Parliamentary Precinct and to sit during periods when the House stands adjourned.
6. That the Committee agreed to begin work on a longer-term study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments -- the "3Ds" of diplomacy, development assistance, and defence (Canadian Forces) deployments -- and that encompass a range of humanitarian, security, peace-building, human rights, good governance and democracy promotion activities. As a first phase prior to summer 2006, the Committee agreed that the focus be on Canada's efforts in Haiti and that several hearings be organized with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and

International Cooperation, government officials and other witnesses.

7. That the analysts from the Library of Parliament be asked to prepare a resume of the results from the on-line consultation carried out in the 1st Session of the 38th Parliament by the former Committee and publish those results on the Committee's website.

8. That the motion dealing with the presence of staff at in camera meetings adopted by the Committee, Thursday, May 4, 2006 be amended in the French, by deleting the words "à être accompagné d'un membre de son personnel", and replacing them with the following words: "autorisé à avoir un membre du personnel".

It was agreed, — That the report be amended, by replacing paragraph 6, with the following: "That the Committee agrees to begin work on a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments and that encompass a range of humanitarian, security, peace-building, human rights, good governance and democracy promotion activities. Prior to summer 2006, the Committee agrees that the focus be on Canada's efforts in Haiti and that several hearings be organized with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, government officials and other witnesses including representatives of non-governmental organizations" and by adding paragraph 9 which read as follow: "That the Committee agrees to carry out a major study on democratic development in the fall of 2006".

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee, as amended, be concurred in.

At 4:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Peter Van Loan.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Omar Alhabra for Hon. Stéphane Dion,
Don H. Bell for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Stéphane Dion,
and Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Francine Lalonde, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Peter Van Loan.

Acting Members present: Omar Alghabra for Hon. Stéphane Dion, Don H. Bell for Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Stéphane Dion and Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopts the lists of witnesses for the Committee's Study on Haiti prepared by the Library of Parliament analysts and Committee Members.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopts an operational budget for its study on Canada's interventions in Haiti, in the amount of 26, 300.00 \$.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meets with Jim Morris, Executive Director of the World Food Programme, on May 30, 2006 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

It was agreed, — That the Committee would not meet with delegations during their regular meeting times but would try to meet with delegations outside the Committees' regular meeting time.

At 4:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:17 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Bernard Patry moved, — That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development gives an official apology to His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, about the disrespectful treatment which he received upon his arrival in Canada and recommends that the Canadian Government does the same.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Alexa McDonough, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended in english by replacing the word “gives” with the word “offers”.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Don H. Bell, Diane Bourgeois, Francine Lalonde, Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Dan McTeague, Bernard Patry — 7; NAYS: Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Deepak Obhrai, Peter Van

Loan — 4.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopts this motion as its first Report to the House and that the Chair present the report to the House.

At 4:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
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Chair: Kevin Sorenson, CPC

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee resumed consideration of the Order in Council appointment of the Honourable Michael Wilson to the position of Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America which was referred to the Committee on Wednesday, April 26, 2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Peter Van Loan.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Allison for Bill Casey,
Rob Anders for Peter Van Loan,
Peter Julian for Alexa McDonough,
Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
Brian Masse for Alexa McDonough,
Brian Storseth for Deepak Obhrai,
and Merv Tweed for Deepak Obhrai.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Abbott,
Ted Menzies
and Rob Merrifield.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs:
Hon. Michael Wilson, Ambassador of Canada to the United States
of America;
Peter McGovern, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, North
America.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Peter Van Loan.

Acting Members present: Dean Allison for Bill Casey, Rob Anders for Peter Van Loan, Peter Julian for Alexa McDonough, Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Brian Masse for Alexa McDonough, Brian Storseth for Deepak Obhrai and Merv Tweed for Deepak Obhrai.

Associate Members present: Jim Abbott, Ted Menzies and Rob Merrifield.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs: Hon. Michael Wilson, Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America; Peter McGovern, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, North America.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointment of the Honourable Michael Wilson to the position of Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America which was referred to the Committee on Wednesday, April 26, 2006.

Ambassador Wilson made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:51 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:54 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That notwithstanding any usually committee practice, Bernard Patry and Dean Allison jointly move a motion.

By unanimous consent on the motion jointly moved by Bernard Patry and Dean Allison, it was agreed, — That the Committee, supports the bid of Taiwan for observer status at the World Health Organization.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee commenced a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Peter Goldring,
Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted Menzies for Bill Casey,
and Pablo Rodriguez for Hon. Stéphane Dion.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

APPEARING:

Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

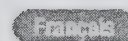
WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs:
Jamal Khokar, Director General, Latin America and Caribbean
Bureau.

Interim Electoral Council of Haiti:
Jacques Bernard, Director General.

Elections Canada:
Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer;
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief
Legal Counsel.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Peter Goldring, Francine Lalonde, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Ted Menzies for Bill Casey and Pablo Rodriguez for Hon. Stéphane Dion.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs: Jamal Khokar, Director General, Latin America and Caribbean Bureau. *Interim Electoral Council of Haiti:* Jacques Bernard, Director General. *Elections Canada:* Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee commenced a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:43 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:48 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley and Jacques Bernard made statements and answered questions.

At 5:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee commenced a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Peter Goldring,
Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jacques Gourde for Bill Casey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

David Beer, Director General, International Policing.

Canadian International Development Agency:

Suzanne Laporte, Vice-president, Americas Branch;

Yves Pétillon, Program Director, Haiti, Cuba and Dominican Republic Americas Branch.

Wilfrid Laurier University:

Yasmine Shamsie, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science.

Centre for International Governance Innovation:

Andrew Thompson, Research Associate.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Peter Goldring, Francine Lalonde, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Jacques Gourde for Bill Casey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst.

Witnesses: Royal Canadian Mounted Police: David Beer, Director General, International Policing. *Canadian International Development Agency:* Suzanne Laporte, Vice-president, Americas Branch; Yves Pétillon, Program Director, Haiti, Cuba and Dominican Republic Americas Branch. *Wilfrid Laurier University:* Yasmine Shamsie, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science. *Centre for International Governance Innovation:* Andrew Thompson, Research Associate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee commenced a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

Yasmine Shamsie and Andrew Thompson made statements and answered questions.

At 4:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:44 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Suzanne Laporte and David Beer made statements and answered questions.

At 6:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/01 3:27 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with the Finnish Foreign Affairs Committee.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Peter Goldring,
Francine Lalonde,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

DELEGATION:

Delegation of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Finnish Parliament:

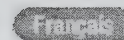
Liisa Jaakonsaari, Chairperson;
Jari Vilén, Member;
Maija Perho, Member;
Antero Kekkonen, Member;
Johannes Koskinen, Member;
Aulis Ranta-Muotio, Member;
Raili Lahnalampi, Clerk.

Embassy of Finland (Ottawa):

His Excellency Pasi Patokallio, Ambassador.

Liisa Jaakonsaari and Jari Vilén made statements and, with the other members of the delegation, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Goldring, Francine Lalonde, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Delegation: Delegation of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Finnish Parliament: Liisa Jaakonsaari, Chairperson; Jari Vilén, Member; Maija Perho, Member; Antero Kekkonen, Member; Johannes Koskinen, Member; Aulis Ranta-Muotio, Member; Raili Lahnalampi, Clerk. *Embassy of Finland (Ottawa):* His Excellency Pasi Patokallio, Ambassador.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with the Finnish Foreign Affairs Committee.

Liisa Jaakonsaari and Jari Vilén made statements and, with the other members of the delegation, answered questions.

At 12:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/07 8:50 a.m.

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session with Philippe Kirsch, President of the International Criminal Court.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee commenced a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Peter Goldring,
Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Bill Casey,
and Caroline St-Hilaire for Diane Bourgeois.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted Menzies.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

APPEARING:

Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of International Cooperation.

WITNESSES:

International Criminal Court:
Philippe Kirsch, President.

Canadian International Development Agency:
Robert Greenhill, President;
Suzanne Laporte, Vice-president, Americas Branch.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Goldring, Francine Lalonde, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Bill Casey and Caroline St-Hilaire for Diane Bourgeois.

Associate Members present: Ted Menzies.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of International Cooperation.

Witnesses: International Criminal Court: Philippe Kirsch, President. *Canadian International Development Agency:* Robert Greenhill, President; Suzanne Laporte, Vice-president, Americas Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session with Philippe Kirsch, President of the International Criminal Court.

Philippe Kirsch made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee commenced a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Minister made a statement and, with Robert Greenhill and Suzane Laporte, answered questions.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/07 2:59 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointment of John McNee to the position of Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations which was referred to the Committee on Wednesday, April 26, 2006.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee commenced a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Peter Goldring,
Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Allison for Bill Casey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs:
John McNee, Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations.

Department of National Defence:
Col Denis Thompson, Director, Peacekeeping Policy;
Maj Michel Lavigne, Desk Officer - Haiti, Canadian Expeditionary
Forces Command.

Col Denis Thompson made a statement and, with Maj Michel Lavigne, answered questions.

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Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Peter Goldring, Francine Lalonde, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Dean Allison for Bill Casey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs: John McNee, Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations.
Department of National Defence: Col Denis Thompson, Director, Peacekeeping Policy; Maj Michel Lavigne, Desk Officer - Haiti, Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointment of John McNee to the position of Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations which was referred to the Committee on Wednesday, April 26, 2006.

Ambassador McNee made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee commenced a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

Col Denis Thompson made a statement and, with Maj Michel Lavigne, answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/08 2:57 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session with The Middle Powers Initiative.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Peter Goldring,
Francine Lalonde,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Bill Casey,
Wayne Marston for Alexa McDonough,
and Brent St. Denis for Hon. Keith Martin.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Peter MacKay.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;

James Lee, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Middle Powers Initiative:

The Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell, Former Prime Minister of Canada;

Hon. Douglas Roche, Chairman;

Thomas Graham, Ambassador and Chairman, Bipartisan Security Group;

Jonathan Granoff, President, Global Security Institute.

Parliamentary Centre:

Robert Miller, Executive Director;

Joseph Kira, Program Director, Canada.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Peter Goldring, Francine Lalonde, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Bill Casey, Wayne Marston for Alexa McDonough and Brent St. Denis for Hon. Keith Martin.

Other Members present: Hon. Peter MacKay.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst.

Witnesses: Middle Powers Initiative: The Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell, Former Prime Minister of Canada; Hon. Douglas Roche, Chairman; Thomas Graham, Ambassador and Chairman, Bipartisan Security Group; Jonathan Granoff, President, Global Security Institute. *Parliamentary Centre:* Robert Miller, Executive Director; Joseph Kira, Program Director, Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session with The Middle Powers Initiative.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee commenced a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:02 p.m., Bernard Patry took the Chair.

At 5:06 p.m., Kevin Sorenson took the Chair.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Bill Casey,
and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Keith Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

SOS Children's Villages Canada:

Boyd McBride, National Director;

Stefan Paquette, Director, Overseas Programs.

Canadian Foundation for the Americas:

John W. Graham, President, Board of Directors.

World University Service of Canada:

Michel Tapiero, Manager, Americas and Middle East Programs;

Elena Alvarado, Senior Program Officer, America and Caraibes.

Regroupement des organismes canado-haïtiens pour le développement:

Vernick Barthélus, Vice President, Board of Directors;

Eric Faustin, Director General.

Boyd McBride and John Graham made statements and, with Stefan Paquette, answered questions.

Elena Alvarado and Eric Faustin made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Peter Goldring, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Chéryl Gallant for Bill Casey and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Keith Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: SOS Children's Villages Canada: Boyd McBride, National Director; Stefan Paquette, Director, Overseas Programs. *Canadian Foundation for the Americas:* John W. Graham, President, Board of Directors. *World University Service of Canada:* Michel Tapiero, Manager, Americas and Middle East Programs; Elena Alvarado, Senior Program Officer, America and Caraibes. *Regroupement des organismes canado-haïtiens pour le développement:* Vernick Barthélus, Vice President, Board of Directors; Eric Faustin, Director General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee commenced a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

Boyd McBride and John Graham made statements and, with Stefan Paquette, answered questions.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Elena Alvarado and Eric Faustin made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Francine Lalonde moved, — That the Committee, in addition to the 7th report of May 17 2005, recommends that the Government gives effect to this report, recommends that the Government Canada adopts the conclusions shared with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade by M. Lloyd Axworthy, UN Secretary General Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa, and stop giving Ethiopia direct aid, as did other donor countries like Great Britain, without assurance that the resolution of the border conflict is part of the agreement; and, suggests to government that it assist Eritrea, one of the poorest countries in the world.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Deepak Obhrai, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “recommends that the Government of Canada adopts the conclusions shared with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade by M. Lloyd Axworthy, UN Secretary General Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa, and stop giving Ethiopia direct aid” with the words “and continue suspension of general budget support to Ethiopia” and by adding the word “further” before the words “assist Eritrea”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The Chair presented the 2nd Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. That representatives of Oxfam Quebec be invited to appear before the Committee.
2. That representatives of Rights and Democracy be invited to appear before the Committee in relation to the Study on Haiti.
3. That Robert Greenhill, president of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) be invited to appear before the Committee.
4. That the Committee meet to discuss Future Business on June 21, 2006.
5. That the Committee refer requests to appear before the Committee from Falun Gong and the Vietnamese Canadian Federation to the Subcommittee on International Human Rights.
6. That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute the previous Committee's report on HIV/AIDS from 2004 to all Committee Members.
7. That within the outlines of a future study on democratic development, the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, prepare draft budgets, on behalf of the Committee respecting the Committee's proposed travel to the U.S. and to Europe and that the Chair be authorized to present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

At 5:47 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:47 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 186, 372 for the Committee's travel to London-Helsinki-Oslo-Stockholm-Copenhagen from October 7 to 14, 2006 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 5:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

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Meeting No. 12

Monday, June 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 4:04 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Peter Goldring, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Francine Lalonde, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Kevin Sorenson and Peter Van Loan.

Acting Members present: Mark Holland for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a budget for 11 Members of the Committee to travel to Europe from October 7 to 14, in relation to the Committee's study on democratic development and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 5:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/20 11:28 a.m.

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Small Arms.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven Blaney for Bill Casey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Centre for International Studies and Cooperation:
Pierre Racicot, Chair, Board of Directors;
Michel Chaurette, Executive Director;
Thérèse Bouchard, Director, Human Rights, Peace and Democracy
Unit.

OXFAM:
Lina Holguin, Advocacy Officer, Oxfam Quebec.

Oxfam Canada:
Mark Fried, Communications and Advocacy Coordinator.

Project Ploughshares:
Ken Epps, Senior Program Associate.

Amnesty International Canada:
Hilary Homes, Campaigner, International Justice, Security and
Human Rights.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:56 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Peter Goldring, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Francine Lalonde, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Steven Blaney for Bill Casey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Centre for International Studies and Cooperation: Pierre Racicot, Chair, Board of Directors; Michel Chaurette, Executive Director; Thérèse Bouchard, Director, Human Rights, Peace and Democracy Unit. *OXFAM:* Lina Holguin, Advocacy Officer, Oxfam Quebec. *Oxfam Canada:* Mark Fried, Communications and Advocacy Coordinator. *Project Ploughshares:* Ken Epps, Senior Program Associate. *Amnesty International Canada:* Hilary Homes, Campaigner, International Justice, Security and Human Rights.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Small Arms.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:55 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Francine Lalonde, it was agreed, — That the Committee recommends that the government join the 45 countries in favour of the negotiation of an international treaty on arms trade and clearly indicate its support for the adoption of global transfer principles at the next United Nations Conference on small arms and light weapons, scheduled to open on June 26, 2006 in New York.

The Committee recommends that the government asks Canada's representatives present at that same conference to take up the matter strongly with other countries on the considerable and negative impact the proliferation of small arms and light weapons has on the development of countries affected and on human rights.

At 6:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Epp for Bill Casey,
and Caroline St-Hilaire for Francine Lalonde.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
James Lee, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Rights and Democracy:

Jean-Louis Roy, President;
Nicholas Galletti, Latin America Regional Officer .

Canadian International Development Agency:

Stephen Wallace, Vice President, Policy Branch;
Yves Pétillon, Program Director, Haiti, Cuba and Dominican
Republic Americas Branch.

Jean-Louis Roy made a statement and, with the Nicholas Galletti, answered questions.

Stephen Wallace and Yves Pétillon made statements and answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Peter Goldring, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Bill Casey and Caroline St-Hilaire for Francine Lalonde.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst.

Witnesses: Rights and Democracy: Jean-Louis Roy, President; Nicholas Galletti, Latin America Regional Officer. *Canadian International Development Agency:* Stephen Wallace, Vice President, Policy Branch; Yves Pétillon, Program Director, Haiti, Cuba and Dominican Republic Americas Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

Jean-Louis Roy made a statement and, with the Nicholas Galletti, answered questions.

At 4:56 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:01 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Stephen Wallace and Yves Pétillon made statements and answered questions.

At 6:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:17 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Keith Martin moved, — That the Committee recommends that the government ask its representatives at the United Nations to double the number of peacekeepers for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) and to double the amount of funding for aid operations in Eastern Congo as soon as possible.

Debate arose thereon.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That the motion be amended to read as the following: “That the Committee, noting that the government recognizes the severity of the humanitarian crisis in the Congo, recommends

that the government ask its representatives at the United Nations to press for a significant increase in the number of peacekeepers for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) and to double the amount of funding for aid operations in Eastern Congo as soon as possible”.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bryon Wilfert and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Diane Bourgeois, Albina Guarnieri, Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Bernard Patry, Caroline St-Hilaire, Bryon Wilfert — 7; NAYS: Ken Epp, Peter Goldring, Deepak Obhrai, Peter Van Loan — 4.

Keith Martin moved, — That the Committee recommends that government use existing, domestic crimes against humanity legislation to indict Zimbabwe’s President Robert Mugabe for crimes against humanity as well as bringing forward a motion before the Security Council to invoke a Chapter 7 article 41 resolution against President Mugabe.

Debate arose thereon.

Keith Martin moved, — That the motion be amended to read as follows: “That the Committee recommends that government work with victims in Canada to ascertain the feasibility of using existing, domestic crimes against humanity legislation to indict Zimbabwe’s President Robert Mugabe for crimes against humanity as well as press for a resolution at the Security Council to invoke a Chapter 7 article 41 resolution against President Mugabe and that the Minister of Justice report back to the Committee by November 15 on his efforts”.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Keith Martin and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Diane Bourgeois, Albina Guarnieri, Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Bernard Patry, Caroline St-Hilaire — 6; ABSTENTIONS: Ken Epp, Peter Goldring, Deepak Obhrai, Peter Van Loan — 4.

Keith Martin moved, — That the Committee recommend that the government recognize that the Darfur peace agreement, signed on May 5th 2006, has already been violated by all parties numerous times.

That the African Union has admitted that it is incapable of preventing violence in the region or in protecting aid convoys from interference or attack.

That the only means in which the people of Darfur are going to be safe is through the deployment of a robust Chapter 7 peacekeeping force as soon as possible.

That the government prepare to support this mission through all diplomatic, economic and military means available. Darfour.

Debate arose thereon.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “all parties numerous times” with the words “its signatories” and adding the words “That this motion be tabled as a report in the House and that the government issue a response” after the words “military means available”.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Alexa McDonough and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Diane Bourgeois, Albina Guarnieri, Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Bernard Patry, Caroline St-Hilaire — 6; NAYS: Deepak Obhrai, Peter Van Loan — 2; ABSTENTIONS: Ken Epp, Peter Goldring, — 2.

At 7:27 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 7:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee in relation to the current Middle East Crisis and the evacuation of Canadians from Lebanon

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Peter Van Loan.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra for Bernard Patry,
Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
Maria Mourani for Diane Bourgeois,

Hon. Andrew Telegdi for Bernard Patry,
Mark Warawa for Deepak Obhrai,
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meili Faille.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
Allison Goody, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Foreign Affairs):
Peter Boehm, Assistant Deputy Minister, North America (and
Consular Affairs);
Robert Desjardins, Director General, Consular Affairs;
James Fox, Assistant Deputy Minister, Bilateral Relations;
Martial Pagé, Acting Director General , Assignments and
Executive Bureau.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 10:17 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Francine Lalonde, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Peter Van Loan.

Acting Members present: Omar Alghabra for Bernard Patry, Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Maria Mourani for Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Andrew Telegdi for Bernard Patry, Mark Warawa for Deepak Obhrai and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Associate Members present: Raymonde Folco.

Other Members present: Meili Faille.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; Allison Goody, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Foreign Affairs): Peter Boehm, Assistant Deputy Minister, North America (and Consular Affairs); Robert Desjardins, Director General, Consular Affairs; James Fox, Assistant Deputy Minister, Bilateral Relations; Martial Pagé, Acting Director General, Assignments and Executive Bureau.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee in relation to the current Middle East Crisis and the evacuation of Canadians from Lebanon

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Bernard Patry moved, — That the Committee move to the consideration of Committee Business.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Francine Lalonde moved, — Given the strong bonds of friendship that unite Canada, especially Quebec, with Lebanon, a pluralistic and francophone democracy and given that it is committed to its security;

Given that Canada is a long-standing friend of Israel, that it actively contributed to its creation and that it is also committed to its security;

Given that these friendships require a balanced position that takes into account the interests and viewpoints of both sides in the conflict;

Given that Canada's balanced position has, in the past, earned the respect of all camps in the Middle East conflict and allowed it to further the peace process;

Given that, of all Western countries, Canada had the largest number of nationals in Lebanon at the outbreak of hostilities and that the government's apparent lack of preparation for the crisis has raised questions and dissatisfaction;

Given the right to self defence included in international law in article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations and the principle of proportionality;

Given that the parties involved in a conflict have the obligation to respect international humanitarian law, including the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Times of War and the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts, which are an absolute imperative in the conduct of war and place personal criminal responsibility on those involved;

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Offers its sincere condolences to the families of Canadians who have died during the Israeli bombardment of Lebanon and deplores the lack of compassion shown them by the government;

Questions the government's delay in implementing an evacuation plan for Canadian citizens in Lebanon, calls upon it to extend the evacuations to Canadian permanent residents and to implement concrete measures to help those who are in the southern part of Lebanon where the hostilities are the most intense;

Recommends that the government hold a public inquiry into the evacuation operation as soon as possible and draw lessons from this experience;

Condemns the kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers;

Condemns the Israeli bombings that followed those two kidnappings as not respecting the principle of proportionality that constrains the right to self defence;

Believes that the Government of Canada, the only country in the world to have called Israel's attack on Lebanon "measured," not taking into account the extent of the destruction of essential civilian infrastructures, destroyed Canada's reputation as a trusted third party abroad, and urges it to reconsider its position to conclude in the disproportionate character of those attacks;

Strongly condemns the launching of Hezbollah rockets on Israeli territory;

Strongly condemns the bombings that affect on a non-discriminatory way civilians and combatants and destroy civilian infrastructures essential to the populations such as roads, bridges, airport, and electricity plants;

Urges the government to support the calls of almost all other countries for an immediate ceasefire on both sides;

Urges the government to require Israel, by the time a ceasefire – which should be immediate – is declared, to make a far greater and more credible effort to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure;

Strongly deplores that, by taking sides, the government has prevented Canada from playing a conciliatory role in restoring and maintaining peace in the region;

Questions the Prime Minister's weak reaction to the bombardment of the UN post that led to the death of a Canadian UN military observer;

Reminds the government that Canada's official foreign policy is still based on the need to resolve the conflict through negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians and the Arab world and that the Committee expressed this same opinion in its report on Canada's relations with countries of the Muslim world, adopted unanimously on March 25, 2004;

Considers that there will be no peace in the region without a global and negotiated settlement of the Israel-Palestine conflict;

Maintains that the use of force will never resolve the conflicts in the Middle East;

Reiterates its commitment to the sovereignty, security and territorial integrity of Lebanon and deplores that the damage caused by the bombardment has weakened the ability of the Lebanese government to effectively oversee its territory;

Calls on the Government of Canada to provide aid to Lebanon so that the Lebanese Government, with the help of the international community, can peacefully disarm the militias;

Urges the government to announce an assistance plan for Lebanon that is appropriate to the needs;

Decides to report this resolution to the House, including its preamble.

Debate arose thereon.

Peter Van Loan moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “given” in line one and replacing them with the following:

Given the strong bonds of friendship that unite Canada with Lebanon, and given that it is committed to its security;

Given that, of all Western countries, Canada had the largest number of nationals in Lebanon at the outbreak of hostilities;

Given that Canada is a long-standing friend of Israel, that it actively supported its creation and that it is also committed to its security;

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Congratulates the government of Canada for the successful evacuation of over 13,000 Canadians from

Lebanon;

Calls on the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to conduct a review of the procedures utilized to carry out the evacuation so that the successful principles can be applied to planning for future similar emergency contingencies that may arise;

Offers its sincere condolences to the families of Canadians and all others who have died during the recent crisis in the Middle East;

Recognizes that Israel was attacked on its territory by Hezbollah, unprovoked, and that Israel, as a sovereign democracy, has a right to defend itself;

Strongly condemns the launching of Hezbollah rockets into Israel;

Calls upon Israel to exercise the utmost restraint in its military actions and take all possible measures to protect civilian lives and infrastructure;

Calls on the Government of Canada to continue to support the Government of Lebanon and to support its efforts to peacefully disarm the militia;

Supports the G-8 Summit declaration which emphasizes the importance of a ceasefire that is sustainable and emphasizes the importance of working towards a permanent solution.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Peter Van Loan and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Deepak Obhrai, Peter Van Loan — 4; NAYS: Omar Alghabra, Albina Guarnieri, Francine Lalonde, Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Maria Mourani, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 7.

Keith Martin moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after and including the word “Given” and replacing them with the following:

That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs calls on the government of Canada to urge an immediate cease fire by all parties across the Lebanese / Israeli border as expressed by the Blue line.

Debate arose thereon.

Peter Van Loan moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding after the word “ceasefire” the following: “that is sustainable”.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the subamendment of Peter Van Loan and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Deepak Obhrai, Peter Van Loan — 4; NAYS: Omar Alghabra, Albina Guarnieri, Francine Lalonde, Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Maria Mourani, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 7.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Keith Martin, — That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after and including the word “Given” and replacing them with the following:

That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs calls on the government of Canada to urge an immediate cease fire by all parties across the Lebanese / Israeli border as expressed by the Blue line.

The debate continued.

Peter Van Loan moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all the words after “the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs”, by the following: “calls for an immediate end to hostilities to be followed by a sustainable ceasefire” .

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the subamendment of Peter Van Loan and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Deepak Obhrai, Peter Van Loan — 4; NAYS: Albina Guarnieri, Francine Lalonde, Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Maria Mourani, Bernard Patry, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 7. .

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Keith Martin, — That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after and including the word “Given” and replacing them with the following:

That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs calls on the government of Canada to urge an immediate cease fire by all parties across the Lebanese / Israeli border as expressed by the Blue line.

The debate continued.

The question was put on the amendment of Keith Martin and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Albina Guarnieri, Francine Lalonde, Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Maria Mourani, Bernard Patry, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 7; NAYS: Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Deepak Obhrai, Peter Van Loan — 4.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Albina Guarnieri, Francine Lalonde, Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Maria Mourani, Bernard Patry, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 7; NAYS: Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Deepak Obhrai, Peter Van Loan — 4.

Alexa McDonough gave Notice of the following motion:

That the committee condemns the government for failing to call for an immediate ceasefire to the conflict in the Middle East, in light of the deaths of civilians in Lebanon, most recently in Qana, in Israel and the Gaza Strip, as well as Canadians, including a UN Canadian Peacekeeper. If the government fails to call for an immediate ceasefire, the House of Commons should be recalled to consider the government’s response to the situation and to express its opinion

On motion of Peter Van Loan, it was agreed, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 5:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/08/03 10:48 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 16

Monday, September 25, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Luc Harvey for Bill Casey,
Ted Menzies for Deepak Obhrai,
and Marcel Proulx for Bernard Patry.



IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Monday, September 25, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, for the purposed of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Luc Harvey for Bill Casey, Ted Menzies for Deepak Obhrai and Marcel Proulx for Bernard Patry.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Peter Goldring, it was agreed, — That Kevin Sorenson be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Keith Martin, it was agreed, — That Bernard Patry be elected Official Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Diane Bourgeois, it was agreed, — That Francine Lalonde be elected Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Third Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. That the Committee meet Tuesdays rather than Mondays commencing on Tuesday, October 17, 2006.
2. That the Committee commence its Study on Democratic Development and move forward with its plan to travel to the Nordic countries from October 7 -14, 2006.
3. That the Committee meet Monday, September 25, 2006 to discuss a Draft Report on Haiti.
4. That the Minister of National Defence, Gordon O'Connor, be invited to appear before the Committee on September 27, 2006, concerning Afghanistan.
5. That the Committee set aside some time immediately after the break week in October, to look at the situation in Afghanistan and that the Clerk investigate the possibility of holding periodic joint meetings with the Standing Committee on National Defence, to receive updates from the Department concerning

ongoing activities in Afghanistan.

6. That the Committee invite witnesses to appear on the Study on Democratic Development beginning with the Minister of Foreign Affairs on September 27, 2006.

7. That a proposed budget for the Study on Democratic Development, in the amount of \$ 35, 600, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

8. That the Committee invite the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of International Cooperation to appear on its Study of the Estimates the first week of November 2006.

On motion of Keith Martin, it was agreed, — That the draft report be amended, in paragraph 4, by replacing the words “on September 27, 2006” with the following: “as soon as possible”.

It was agreed, — That the report be amended by adding after paragraph 8 the following: “That the Committee Study Bill C-293 in a timely manner and report it back to the House”.

On motion of Peter Van Loan, it was agreed, — That the report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Committee send a card to Francine Lalonde.

It was agreed, — That the Committee would meet from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 27, 2006, to hear from the Minister of Foreign Affairs concerning the Committee's Study on Democratic Development, and the Committee adjourn once they have finished questioning the Minister.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 35, 600, for the study on Democratic Development be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera* to study a draft report on Haiti.

At 4:11 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:15 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in camera.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/26 4:34 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Raymond Chan for Bernard Patry,
and Hon. Roy Cullen for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

APPEARING:

Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs:

Michael Small, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Issues.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Hon. Raymond Chan for Bernard Patry and Hon. Roy Cullen for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs: Michael Small, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee commenced its study on Democratic Development.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/28 3:17 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 18

Monday, October 2, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Allison for Peter Van Loan,
Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Ted Menzies for Bill Casey,
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

International Development Research Centre:

Maureen O'Neil, President.

Rights and Democracy (International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development):

Jean-Louis Roy, President.

Rights and Democracy:

Wayne MacKay, Interim Chair, Board of Directors.

Parliamentary Centre:

Robert Miller, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Jean-Marc Hamel, Member, Board of Directors.

Canadian Foundation for the Americas:

John W. Graham, President, Board of Directors.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Monday, October 2, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Dean Allison for Peter Van Loan, Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Ted Menzies for Bill Casey and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: International Development Research Centre: Maureen O'Neil, President. *Rights and Democracy (International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development):* Jean-Louis Roy, President. *Rights and Democracy:* Wayne MacKay, Interim Chair, Board of Directors. *Parliamentary Centre:* Robert Miller, President and Chief Executive Officer; Jean-Marc Hamel, Member, Board of Directors. *Canadian Foundation for the Americas:* John W. Graham, President, Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/03 2:40 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, October 4, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Peter Van Loan.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Dean Allison for Peter Van Loan,
Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
Ted Menzies for Deepak Obhrai,
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Thomas Axworthy, Chair, Centre for the Study of Democracy,
Queen's University;

Jeffrey Kopstein, Director, Centre for European, Russian, and
Eurasian Studies, University of Toronto ;

George Perlin, Emeritus Professor and Fellow, School of Policy
Studies, Queen's University.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, October 4, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Peter Van Loan.

Acting Members present: Omar Alghabra for Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Dean Allison for Peter Van Loan, Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Ted Menzies for Deepak Obhrai and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: As individuals: Thomas Axworthy, Chair, Centre for the Study of Democracy, Queen's University; Jeffrey Kopstein, Director, Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, University of Toronto ; George Perlin, Emeritus Professor and Fellow, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:00 p.m., Bernard Patry took the Chair.

At 5:05 p.m., Kevin Sorenson took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the Committee's study on the on-going crisis in Darfur, the Committee invite departmental officials from CIDA and Foreign Affairs to inform members on:

- The latest developments with respect to Darfur;
- The current and projected Canadian assistance to the African Union mission in Darfur;
- Canada's planned contribution to the UN peacekeeping force in Darfur; and

that the Committee schedule and extra meeting Thursday, October 19, 2006 to hear from said officials.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Diane Bourgeois moved, — That the Committee, as part of its in-depth study of democratic development, should immediately address the reconstruction and aid strategy chosen by Canada to help Afghanistan in order to evaluate Canada's contribution thus far, and should invite to appear before it as soon as possible representatives of non-governmental organizations directly or indirectly involved in this country and experts on this matter.

Debate arose thereon.

Ted Menzies moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all the words after “democratic development” with the words “should address how reconstruction and aid strategies can be used as a tool to promote democratic development”.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the motion was allowed to stand.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/16 2:24 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Omar Alhabra for Hon. Keith Martin,
Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
and Brent St. Denis for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Diane Bourgeois moved, — That the Committee, as part of its in-depth study of democratic development, should immediately address the reconstruction and aid strategy chosen by Canada to help Afghanistan in order to evaluate Canada's contribution thus far, and should invite to appear before it as soon as possible representatives of non-governmental organizations directly or indirectly involved in this country and experts on this matter.

Debate arose thereon.

Ted Menzies moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all the words after "democratic development" with the words "should address how reconstruction and aid strategies can be used as a tool to promote democratic development".

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the motion was allowed to stand.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/16 2:24 p.m.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra for Hon. Keith Martin,
Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
and Brent St. Denis for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Omar Alghabra for Hon. Keith Martin, Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde and Brent St. Denis for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report on Haiti.

At 5:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:17 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite Paul LaRose-Edwards Executive Director, CANADEM to appear on its Study on Democratic Development on Tuesday, October 24, 2006 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

It was agreed, — That the Committee commence its Study of Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad, on Tuesday, October 24, 2006 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet Tuesday, October 31, 2006 to discuss a Draft Report on Haiti.

It was agreed, — That the Committee form an informal working group composed of Vivian Barbot, Peter Goldring, Bernard Patry and Alexa McDonough to review the Draft Report on Haiti.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet with African Parliamentarians on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold a meeting for an update on the situation in Afghanistan on November 8 and 22, 2006.

It was agreed, — That the request to meet with Mr. Carlos Franco, Director of the Colombian Program for Human Rights, be referred to the Subcommittee on International Human Rights.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet in informal joint meeting with the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration with Antonio Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, on Thursday, November 2, 2006.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet with U.N. Special Envoy on TB (former president of Portugal), Jorge Sampaio, on Thursday, November 9, 2006.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Diane Bourgeois, — That the Committee should immediately address the reconstruction and aid strategy chosen by Canada to help Afghanistan in order to evaluate Canada's contribution thus far, and should invite to appear before it as soon as possible representatives of non-governmental organizations directly or indirectly involved in this country and experts on this matter.

The debate continued.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That pursuant to an Order of Reference from the House dated September 20, 2006, and noting the Committee's 12th Report adopted unanimously by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and concurred in by the House on June 28, 2006, calling for aid legislation "which establishes poverty reduction as the priority for Canada's Official Development Assistance", the Committee hold meetings, if necessary in addition to its regularly scheduled meetings, to study C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/20 4:44 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
and Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted Menzies.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of International Cooperation.

WITNESSES:

Canadian International Development Agency:

Robert Greenhill, President.

Canadian Council for International Co operation:

Gerry Barr, President and Chief Executive Officer.

As an Individual:

Hon. Ed Broadbent.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, October 19, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 4, 2006, the Committee proceeded with a briefing on the Crisis in Darfur.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Paul Dewar for Alexa McDonough,
Cheryl Gallant for Deepak Obhrai,
and Ted Menzies for Bill Casey.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Janet Graham, Director, Sudan Task Force;

Wendy Gilmour, Director, Peacekeeping and Peace Operations Group.

Canadian International Development Agency:

Diane Jacovella, Director General, East, the Horn and Southern Africa Division;

Leslie Norton, Acting Director General , Humanitarian Assistance, Peace and Security, Multilateral Programs Branch;

Laurent Charette, Director, Geographic Programs, East, the Horn and Southern Africa Division.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, October 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Paul Dewar for Alexa McDonough, Cheryl Gallant for Deepak Obhrai and Ted Menzies for Bill Casey.

Associate Members present: Hon. Irwin Cotler.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Janet Graham, Director, Sudan Task Force; Wendy Gilmour, Director, Peacekeeping and Peace Operations Group. *Canadian International Development Agency:* Diane Jacovella, Director General, East, the Horn and Southern Africa Division; Leslie Norton, Acting Director General, Humanitarian Assistance, Peace and Security, Multilateral Programs Branch; Laurent Charette, Director, Geographic Programs, East, the Horn and Southern Africa Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 4, 2006, the Committee proceeded with a briefing on the Crisis in Darfur.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, Paul Dewar moved, — That the Committee move to another order of Business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee move to another order of Business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That Paul Dewar move Alexa McDonough's motion.

On motion of Paul Dewar, it was agreed, — That the committee urges the government of Canada to co-sponsor the draft resolution of the UN First Committee which calls on United Nations members to work towards “an arms trade treaty: establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms”, and support this resolution when it is brought before the UN General Assembly for a vote; and that the Committee adopt this motion as its report to the House and that the Chair present the said report to the House.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall

Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/20 9:14 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Peter Van Loan.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Ted Menzies for Peter Van Loan,
Caroline St-Hilaire for Diane Bourgeois,
Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,

and Blair Wilson for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;

James Lee, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

CANADEM (Canada's Civilian Reserve):

Paul LaRose-Edwards, Executive Director.

As an Individual:

Hon. John McKay, P.C., M.P..

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Peter Van Loan.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Ted Menzies for Peter Van Loan, Caroline St-Hilaire for Diane Bourgeois, Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Albina Guarnieri and Blair Wilson for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst.

Witnesses: CANADEM (Canada's Civilian Reserve): Paul LaRose-Edwards, Executive Director. *As an individual:* Hon. John McKay, P.C., M.P..

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

Mr. Paul LaRose-Edwards made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad.

Mr. John McKay made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/26 9:09 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Guy Lauzon for Deepak Obhrai,
Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Ted Menzies for Peter Van Loan,
and Anthony Rota for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

APPEARING:

Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff;
Rodney Monette, Acting Deputy Minister.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Guy Lauzon for Deepak Obhrai, Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Ted Menzies for Peter Van Loan and Anthony Rota for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff; Rodney Monette, Acting Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 4:39 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:48 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 4:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/26 10:10 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
and John Maloney for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde and John Maloney for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet with Dr. Usman Bugaje, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of Nigeria's House of Representatives (lower chamber), for an informal lunch on November 8, 2006, and that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for the lunch.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet with a delegation of parliamentarians from the European Union November 22, 2006 for a working lunch to discuss issues of mutual interest.

It was agreed, — That members would submit the names of two or three witnesses to appear on the situation in Afghanistan, either from the list prepared by the Library of Parliament analysts or their own list, to the Chair's office as soon as possible.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet with a delegation from Pakistan lead by the Honourable Chaudhry Amir Hussain, the Speaker of the National Assembly, November 21, 2006.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear witnesses on Bill C-293 for one hour on November 21, 2006 and during the second hour hear witnesses on the democratic development study.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet for one hour on Bill C-293 on November 28, 2006.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall

Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/01 3:09 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 26

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Order made Tuesday, April 4, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5, 10, 30, 35, L40, L45, L50, 55 and 60 under FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Paul Dewar for Alexa McDonough,
Hon. John Godfrey for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
and Caroline St-Hilaire for Diane Bourgeois.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted Menzies.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
James Lee, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of International Cooperation.

WITNESSES:

Canadian International Development Agency:
Robert Greenhill, President;
Diane Vincent, Executive Vice-President;
Marc St-Laurent, Director, Resource Management, Human
Resources and Corporate Services Branch.

Elections Canada:
Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer;
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief
Legal Counsel.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Paul Dewar for Alexa McDonough, Hon. John Godfrey for Hon. Albina Guarnieri and Caroline St-Hilaire for Diane Bourgeois.

Associate Members present: Ted Menzies.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of International Cooperation.

Witnesses: Canadian International Development Agency: Robert Greenhill, President; Diane Vincent, Executive Vice-President; Marc St-Laurent, Director, Resource Management, Human Resources and Corporate Services Branch. *Elections Canada:* Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to Order made Tuesday, April 4, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5, 10, 30, 35, L40, L45, L50, 55 and 60 under Foreign Affairs and International Trade referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

Mr. Kingsley made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/02 4:06 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of a delegation of African Parliamentarians.

Pursuant to Order made Tuesday, April 4, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5, 10, 30, 35, L40, L45, L50, 55 and 60 under FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Navdeep Bains for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
and Laurie Hawn for Bill Casey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

APPEARING:

Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

WITNESSES:

Parliament of Ghana:
Hon. Steve Akorli.

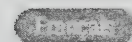
National Assembly of the Republic of South Africa:
Obed Bapela.

Parliament of Botswana:
Samson Moyo Guma.

Parliament of Uganda:
Augustine Ruzindana.

Department of Foreign Affairs:
Peter Harder, Deputy Minister;
Doreen Steidle, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services;
Gérald Cossette, Chief Executive Officer, Passport Office.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Navdeep Bains for Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde and Laurie Hawn for Bill Casey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Witnesses: Parliament of Ghana: Hon. Steve Akorli. *National Assembly of the Republic of South Africa:* Obed Bapela. *Parliament of Botswana:* Samson Moyo Guma. *Parliament of Uganda:* Augustine Ruzindana. *Department of Foreign Affairs:* Peter Harder, Deputy Minister; Doreen Steidle, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Gérald Cossette, Chief Executive Officer, Passport Office.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of a delegation of African Parliamentarians.

Hon. Steve Akorli, Augustine Ruzindana, Obed Bapela and Samson Moyo Guma made statements and answered questions.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:38 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Order made Tuesday, April 4, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5, 10, 30, 35, L40, L45, L50, 55 and 60 under FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., Bernard Patry took the Chair.

At 5:25 p.m., Kevin Sorenson took the Chair.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall

Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/08 11:35 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 28

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Dave Batters for Bill Casey,
and Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
James Lee, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of Calgary:

Prof. David Bercuson, Director, Centre for Military and Strategic
Studies.

Project Ploughshares:

Ernie Regehr, Senior Policy Advisor.

Mennonite Economic Development Associates of Canada:

Linda M. Jones, Technical Director, International Operations.

University of Ottawa:

Roland Paris, Associate Professor, Public and International Affairs.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met by videoconference at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Vice-Chair, Bernard Patry, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Dave Batters for Bill Casey and Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Calgary: Prof. David Bercuson, Director, Centre for Military and Strategic Studies. *Project Ploughshares:* Ernie Regehr, Senior Policy Advisor. *Mennonite Economic Development Associates of Canada:* Linda M. Jones, Technical Director, International Operations. *University of Ottawa:* Roland Paris, Associate Professor, Public and International Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

Ernie Regehr and David Bercuson made statements and answered questions.

At 3:50 p.m., Kevin Sorenson took the Chair.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:39 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Linda M. Jones and Roland Paris made statements and answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:28 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That during the second hour of Committee's meeting on November 21 they study a draft report on Haiti.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized, on behalf of the Committee, to prepare a travel budget respecting the Committee's proposed travel to Washington, DC and New York in relation to their study on democratic development, for the period of January 21, 2007, to January 25, 2007, and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/17 10:43 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Sue Barnes for Bernard Patry,

Johanne Deschamps for Diane Bourgeois,
Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
and Caroline St-Hilaire for Diane Bourgeois.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John McKay.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Lee, Analyst;
Allison Goody, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian International Development Agency:
Christiane Verdon, Senior General Counsel, Legal Services
Division;
Stephen Wallace, Vice-President, Policy Branch.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Hon. Sue Barnes for Bernard Patry, Johanne Deschamps for Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri and Caroline St-Hilaire for Diane Bourgeois.

Associate Members present: Hon. John McKay.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Allison Goody, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian International Development Agency: Christiane Verdon, Senior General Counsel, Legal Services Division; Stephen Wallace, Vice-President, Policy Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:43 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/22 11:39 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, November 22, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from the European Parliament.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raynald Blais for Francine Lalonde.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Mark Eyking,
Ted Menzies
and David Tilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

European Union - Delegation of the European Commission in Canada:

H.E. Mr. Dorian Ford Prince, Head of Delegation and Ambassador Designate.

Parliament of Europe:

Den Dover, (EPP - United Kingdom);

Iles Braghetto, (EPP - Italy);

Duarte Freitas, (EPP - Portugal);

Ian Hudghton, (Greens/EFA - United Kingdom);

Lasse Lehtinen, (PES - Finland);

Seán Ó Neachtain, (UEN - Ireland);

Toomas Savi, (ALDE - Estonia);

Mrs. Agnes Schierhuber, (EPP - Austria);

Adam Isaacs;

Carlo Chicco;

Annabelle Garnier-Boulay.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, November 22, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 12:35 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Raynald Blais for Francine Lalonde.

Associate Members present: Hon. Mark Eyking, Ted Menzies and David Tilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: European Union - Delegation of the European Commission in Canada: H.E. Mr. Dorian Ford Prince, Head of Delegation and Ambassador Designate. *Parliament of Europe:* Den Dover, (EPP - United Kingdom); Iles Braghetto, (EPP - Italy); Duarte Freitas, (EPP - Portugal); Ian Hudghton, (Greens/EFA - United Kingdom); Lasse Lehtinen, (PES - Finland); Seàn Ó Neachtain, (UEN - Ireland); Toomas Savi, (ALDE - Estonia); Mrs. Agnes Schierhuber, (EPP - Austria); Adam Isaacs; Carlo Chicco; Annabelle Garnier-Boulay.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from the European Parliament.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/23 2:39 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, November 22, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Peter Van Loan
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Hon. John McKay for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Ted Menzies for Bill Casey,
and Jean-Yves Roy for Francine Lalonde.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Lee, Analyst;
Allison Goody, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:
Najiba Ayoobi, Manager, Radio Killid;
Mihreya Mohammed Aziz, Camerawoman;
Hooshang Riazi;
A. John Watson, President and Chief Executive Officer, CARE
Canada.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, November 22, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:55 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Peter Van Loan and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Hon. John McKay for Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Ted Menzies for Bill Casey and Jean-Yves Roy for Francine Lalonde.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Allison Goody, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Najiba Ayoobi, Manager, Radio Killid; Mihreya Mohammed Aziz, Camerawoman; Hooshang Riazi; A. John Watson, President and Chief Executive Officer, CARE Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

A. John Watson and Najiba Ayoobi made statements and answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:21 p.m., the sitting resumed sitting *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:49 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:50 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Peter Van Loan moved, — That the Committee, in regards to their study on democracy promotion should proceed as follows:

PART I – Framework of Democracy Promotion Section

1 - What does Canada do in democracy promotion? What does Canada NOT do in democracy

promotion? [Minister of Foreign Affairs] [Minister of International Development] [CIDA]

Section 2 - Theoretical approaches to democracy promotion [Academic witnesses]

Section 3 - A political approach to democracy promotion, and involving politicians [Westminster Institute, National Endowment for Democracy, NDI and IRI Democracy Canada]

Section 4 - Comparative approaches to democracy promotion [Other countries – e.g. Nordics]

PART II – Country Examples

Section 5 - The Eager recipient (e.g. Baltics, Poland, etc.)

Section 6 - Democracy Challenged (e.g. Ukraine, Georgia)

Section 7 - Resistant States (e.g. Belarus, etc.)

Section 8 - Post-conflict states (e.g. Former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan)

Section 9 - Fragile States (e.g. Haiti, etc.) Subject matters above may be re-ordered according to availability of witnesses, however a minimum of one committee meeting per sitting week shall be dedicated to this study.

It was agreed, — That the Committee would discuss Mr. Van Loan's motion at a future date.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development begin a study of clause by clause on Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad, at the scheduled meeting on November 28, 2006 .

Debate arose thereon.

Keith Martin moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all the words after “That” with the words “the Committee hear from witnesses from the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Finance on Tuesday November 28, 2006 on Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad;

That the Committee commence and complete clause by clause on Bill C-293 Wednesday, November 29, 2006;

That the amendments of the government to Bill C-293, be submitted to the Clerk by Monday, November 27, 2006; and

That the government witnesses on Tuesday prepare written presentations which will be submitted to the Committee by Monday, November 27, 2006”.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Peter Van Loan, it was agreed, — That the amendment be amended by adding after the words “submitted to the Clerk by Monday, November 27, 2006” the following: “without prejudice to bringing further amendments”.

On motion of Alexa McDonough, it was agreed, — That the amendment be amended by replacing the words “commence and complete” with the words “proceed to ”.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Committee hear from witnesses from the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Finance on Tuesday November 28, 2006 on Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad;

That the Committee proceed to clause by clause on Bill C-293 Wednesday, November 29, 2006;

That the amendments of the government to Bill C-293, be submitted to the Clerk by Monday, November 27, 2006, without prejudice to bringing further amendments; and

That the government witnesses on Tuesday prepare written presentations which will be submitted to the Committee by Monday, November 27, 2006”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

At 6:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/24 12:24 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Hon. John McKay for Hon. Keith Martin,
Ted Menzies for Hon. Peter Van Loan,
and Caroline St-Hilaire for Diane Bourgeois.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Allison Goody, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Graham Flack, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Trade and Finance Branch;
Dan Hermosa, Law Branch.

Department of Foreign Affairs:

Michael Small, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Issues;
Alain Tellier, Deputy Director, Security and Privileges and Immunities Law Section.

Michael Small made a statement and, with Alain Tellier, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Hon. John McKay for Hon. Keith Martin, Ted Menzies for Hon. Peter Van Loan and Caroline St-Hilaire for Diane Bourgeois.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Allison Goody, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Graham Flack, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Trade and Finance Branch; Dan Hermosa, Law Branch. *Department of Foreign Affairs:* Michael Small, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Issues; Alain Tellier, Deputy Director, Security and Privileges and Immunities Law Section.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad.

Michael Small made a statement and, with Alain Tellier, answered questions.

At 4:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:43 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Graham Flack made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the sixth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. It was agreed — That the Committee discuss the draft report on Haiti during the second hour of the meeting on December 5, 2006;
2. It was agreed — That the Committee meet with various witnesses during the month of December on the study on democratic development, including John Williams, MP and Kevin Deaveau, MLA;

3. It was agreed — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a draft budget respecting the Committee's proposed travel to Washington, D.C. and New York, N.Y. in February, for consideration by the Committee;

4. It was agreed — That the Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell of the Madrid Group be invited to appear before the Committee at a future date.

It was agreed, — That the report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 57, 742, for the Committee's travel to Washington, D.C. and New York, N.Y. from February 4 to 8, 2007, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 5:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/29 3:03 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 33

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
Ken Epp for Hon. Peter Van Loan,
Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Hon. John McKay for Bernard Patry,
Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
and Caroline St-Hilaire for Francine Lalonde.

IN ATTENDANCE:

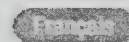
Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Allison Goody, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk;
Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 33

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:46 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Ken Epp for Hon. Peter Van Loan, Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Hon. John McKay for Bernard Patry, Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Albina Guarnieri and Caroline St-Hilaire for Francine Lalonde.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Allison Goody, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk; Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair calls Clause 2.

On Clause 2,

Alexa McDonough moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 2, be amended

(a) by replacing lines 9 and 10 on page 1 with the following:

“reduction and in a manner that is consistent with Canadian values, Canadian foreign policy and sustainable development and that promotes”

(b) by deleting lines 12 to 17 on page 1.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment of Alexa McDonough was amended to read as follows:

That Bill C-293, in Clause 2, be amended

(a) by replacing lines 9 and 10 on page 1 with the following:

“reduction and in a manner that is consistent with Canadian values, Canadian foreign policy, sustainable development and democracy promotion and that promotes”

(b) by replacing lines 12 to 17 on page 1 with the following:

“(2) Canadian official development assistance abroad shall be defined exclusively with regard to these values.”

The question was put on the amendment of Alexa McDonough and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

Clause 2, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, Clause 3 was allowed to stand.

On Clause 4,

Diane Bourgeois moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 2 with the following:

“(a) takes into account the various factors underlying poverty, including health, education and equality;”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Diane Bourgeois and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 6.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing lines 26 and 27 on page 2 with the following:

“(c) is consistent with international human rights standards.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Alexa McDonough and it was agreed to.

Diane Bourgeois moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 29 on page 2 with the following:

“subsection (1), the competent minister shall”

Debate arose thereon.

Peter Goldring moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding after the words “minister shall” the following:

“consult with governments, international agencies and Canadian civil society organizations.”

The question was put on the subamendment of Peter Goldring and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

The question was put on the amendment of Diane Bourgeois, as amended, and it was agreed to.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/04 1:08 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
and Chris Warkentin for Hon. Peter Van Loan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

University of Montreal:
Diane Éthier, Full professor, Department of Political Science.

Miriam Burke
Committee Clerk



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:52 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri and Chris Warkentin for Hon. Peter Van Loan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: University of Montreal: Diane Éthier, Full professor, Department of Political Science.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:57 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:02 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:40 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the committee's ongoing study on democratic development, the committee report to the House its recommendation that the government present its whole-of-government strategy for failed states to the committee, and that relevant departments appear before the committee to discuss the strategy, witnesses be invited to appear to testify on the human rights and humanitarian implications of the proposed strategy.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 5:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Committee Clerk

2006/12/06 4:34 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 35

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
and Ted Menzies for Hon. Peter Van Loan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
James Lee, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

A/Commr Raf Souccar, Assistant Commissioner, Federal and
International Operations;
C/Supt David Beer, Director General, International Policing.

Royal Military College of Canada:

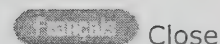
Jane Boulden, Canada Research Chair in International Relations
and Security Studies, Department of Politics and Economics.

As an Individual:

John W. Foster, Principal Researcher (Civil Society), The North-
South Institute.

A/Commr Raf Souccar made a statement and, with C/Supt David Beer, answered
questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:46 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri and Ted Menzies for Hon. Peter Van Loan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst.

Witnesses: Royal Canadian Mounted Police: A/Commr Raf Souccar, Assistant Commissioner, Federal and International Operations; C/Supt David Beer, Director General, International Policing. *Royal Military College of Canada:* Jane Boulden, Canada Research Chair in International Relations and Security Studies, Department of Politics and Economics. *As an individual:* John W. Foster, Principal Researcher (Civil Society), The North-South Institute.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

John Foster and Jane Boulden made statements and answered questions.

At 4:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:53 p.m., the sitting resumed.

A/Commr Raf Souccar made a statement and, with C/Supt David Beer, answered questions.

Bernard Patry took the Chair at 4:58 p.m.

Kevin Sorenson took the Chair at 5:01 p.m.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/07 2:53 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Allison for Deepak Obhrai,
Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde,
Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,

Cheryl Gallant for Bill Casey,
Hon. John McKay for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Ted Menzies for Hon. Peter Van Loan,
and Caroline St-Hilaire for Francine Lalonde.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

House of Commons:

Marc Toupin, Legislative Clerk.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:55 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Dean Allison for Deepak Obhrai, Vivian Barbot for Francine Lalonde, Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Cheryl Gallant for Bill Casey, Hon. John McKay for Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Ted Menzies for Hon. Peter Van Loan and Caroline St-Hilaire for Francine Lalonde.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal. *House of Commons:* Marc Toupin, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to the consideration of Clause 3 previously stood.

On Clause 3,

Alexa McDonough moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 19 on page 1 the following:

““civil society organization” means a not-for-profit or charitable organization whose governing structure is independent of government direction, and includes, but is not limited to, registered charities, non-governmental development organizations, community groups, women’s organizations,

faith-based organizations, professional associations, trade unions, self-help groups, social movements, business associations, coalitions, human rights organizations and advocacy groups.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Alexa McDonough and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

Diane Bourgeois moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 19 on page 1 the following:

““Canadian values” means, amongst others, values of global citizenship, equity and environmental sustainability.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Diane Bourgeois and it was agreed to.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 3, be amended by deleting lines 20 to 22 on page 1.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Alexa McDonough and it was agreed to.

Diane Bourgeois moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 3 on page 2 the following:

““democracy” includes, but is not limited to, political and civil rights as defined by the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Diane Bourgeois and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Keith Martin moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 19 on page 2 the following:

““official development assistance” means international assistance

(a) that is administered with the principal objective of promoting the economic development and welfare of developing countries, that is concessional in character, that conveys a grant element of at least 25%, and that meets the requirements set out in section 4; and/or

(b) that is provided for the purpose of alleviating the effects of a natural or artificial disaster or other emergency occurring outside Canada.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Keith Martin and it was agreed to.

Keith Martin moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 3, be amended

(a) by adding after line 11 on page 2 the following:

““international assistance” means funding provided by government for international development, international financial institutions, global peace and security, crises overseas and international development research.”

(b) by adding after line 11 on page 2 the following:

““international human rights standards” means standards that are based on international human rights conventions and on international customary law.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Keith Martin and it was agreed to.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 13 on page 2 with the following:

“Cooperation or any other minister designated by the Governor in Council as the Minister for the purposes of this Act.”

The question was put on the amendment of Alexa McDonough and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

It was agreed, — That the Committee sit for two hours tomorrow, December 13, 2006, regardless of whether the House rises.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/15 4:03 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 37

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Alexa McDonough,
Bernard Patry
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Allison for Deepak Obhrai,
Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Hon. John McKay for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
Ted Menzies for Hon. Peter Van Loan,
and Caroline St-Hilaire for Francine Lalonde.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

House of Commons:

Marc Toupin, Legislative Clerk.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Dean Allison for Deepak Obhrai, Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Hon. John McKay for Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Ted Menzies for Hon. Peter Van Loan and Caroline St-Hilaire for Francine Lalonde.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal. *House of Commons:* Marc Toupin, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-293, An Act respecting the provision of development assistance abroad.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

On Clause 3,

Alexa McDonough moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 3, be amended by deleting lines 14 to 19 on page 2.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Alexa McDonough and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Alexa McDonough moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 3, be amended by deleting lines 4 to 7 on page 2.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Alexa McDonough and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Alexa McDonough moved, — That Bill C-293 be amended by replacing “development assistance” with “official development assistance” in the following provisions:

- (a) the long title;
- (b) Clause 1, lines 4 and 5, page 1;
- (c) Clause 2, line 7, page 1;
- (d) Clause 3, line 3, page 2;
- (e) the heading before line 20, page 2;

(f) Clause 4, line 20, page 2;

(g) Clause 6, line 9, page 3;

(h) Clause 7, lines 39 and 40, page 3; and

(i) Clause 9, lines 30 and 31, page 5.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Alexa McDonough and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Bernard Patry moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 8 and 9 on page 2 with the following:

““international agency” means any organization whose objectives include”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bernard Patry and it was agreed to.

Clause 3, as amended, carried on division.

Peter Goldring moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 3, be further amended by replacing line 3 on page 2 with the following: “development assistance in relation to this Act.”

After debate, the question was put on the motion of Peter Goldring and it was agreed to.

On Clause 4,

Bill Casey moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 4, be amended by adding after line 31 on page 2 the following:

“(3) If the Minister of Finance is designated as a competent minister under this Act, this Act applies to the Minister of Finance only in respect of the Minister's powers under the *Bretton Woods and Related Agreements Act*, and any development assistance provided under the Act shall be deemed to be in compliance with this section.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bill Casey and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

Keith Martin moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 4, be amended by adding after line 31 on page 2 the following:

“(3) In calculating Canada’s official development assistance contribution in Government of Canada publications, the competent minister or the Governor in Council shall consider only development assistance as defined by this Act that meets the criteria in subsection (1), and humanitarian assistance.

(4) Nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to limit the funding or restrict the activities of the International Development Research Centre.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Keith Martin and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 4, as amended, carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

On Clause 5,

Alexa McDonough moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 32 and 33 on page 2 with the following:

“5. This Act does not apply in respect of funding or other assistance that is provided for the”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Alexa McDonough and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 5, as amended, carried.

Clause 6 was negatived.

Clause 7 was negatived.

Clause 8 was negatived.

On Clause 9,

Bill Casey moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing lines 8 to 28 on page 5 with the following:

“(1) The Minister shall cause to be submitted to each House of Parliament, within twelve months after the termination of each fiscal year or, if that House is not then sitting, on any of the first five days next thereafter that the House is sitting, a report on the achievements and effectiveness of Canadian programs of development assistance in that fiscal year prepared by the Minister in cooperation with the competent ministers.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bill Casey and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 6.

Keith Martin moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing line 15 on page 5 with the following:

“(a) the total amount spent by the Government of Canada on official development assistance in the previous fiscal year;

(a.1) a summary of any activity or initiative”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Keith Martin and it was agreed to.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 9, be amended by deleting lines 17 and 18 on page 5.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Alexa McDonough and it was agreed to.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing lines 24 and 25 on page 5 with the following:

“priorities and policies of the Bretton Woods Institutions; and”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Alexa McDonough and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Bernard Patry moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing lines 8 and 9 on page 5 with the following:

“9. (1) The Minister or the competent Minister shall cause to be”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bernard Patry and it was agreed to.

Bill Casey moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 9, be amended by adding after line 32 on page 5 the following:

“(3) The Minister of Finance shall, in addition to the report required under section 13 of the *Bretton Woods and Related Agreements Act*, contribute to the Report to Parliament under this Act:

a) the positions taken by Canada on any resolutions that are adopted by the Boards of Governors of the Bretton Woods institutions; and

b) a summary of the manner in which Canada's activities under the *Bretton Woods and Related Agreements Act* have contributed to carrying out the purpose of this Act.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bill Casey and it was agreed to.

Clause 9, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 10 was negatived.

On Clause 11,

Alexa McDonough moved, — That Bill C-293, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing lines 11 to 13 on page 6 with the following:

“11. This Act comes into force 30 days after the day on which it receives royal assent.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Alexa McDonough and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 11, as amended, carried on division.

The Short Title, as amended, carried.

The Title, as amended, carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-293, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 5:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/20 11:21 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Bill Casey,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Allison for Peter Goldring,
and Tom Lukiwski for Peter Goldring.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Mark Eyking.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Bar Association:

William H. Goodridge, Member, International Development
Committee;
John D.V. Hoyles, Chief Executive Officer;
Robin L. Sully, Director, International Development.

As Individuals:

John Williams, Chair, Global Organization of Parliamentarians
Against Corruption (GOPAC);
Martin Ulrich, Executive Secretary, Global Organization of
Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC);
Kevin Deveaux, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Nova
Scotia.

William H. Goodridge made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Dean Allison for Peter Goldring and Tom Lukiwski for Peter Goldring.

Associate Members present: Hon. Mark Eyking.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Bar Association: William H. Goodridge, Member, International Development Committee; John D.V. Hoyles, Chief Executive Officer; Robin L. Sully, Director, International Development. *As individuals:* John Williams, Chair, Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC); Martin Ulrich, Executive Secretary, Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC); Kevin Deveaux, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

William H. Goodridge made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:59 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:03 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Mr. Kevin Deveaux and Mr. John Williams made statements and answered questions.

At 10:48 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:49 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Francine Lalonde, it was agreed, — That, members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development be authorized to attend a conference entitled: “A Dialogue on Canada’s Approach to Democratic Development”, in Ottawa, on February 15, 2007, and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee.

Albina Guarnieri moved, — That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development invite Mr Wajid Khan, the Member for Mississauga-Streetsville, and Special Advisor to

the Prime Minister for Middle Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to appear before the committee in order to present and discuss his report, or reports, presented to the Prime Minister with respect to the Middle East, and expose his observations and conclusions.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chair: Bernard Patry.

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, February 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Bill Casey,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Peter Goldring,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Anderson for Kevin Sorenson,
and Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:
James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Foodgrains Bank:
Stuart Clark, Senior Policy Advisor.

As Individuals:
Malex Alebikiya;
Fidelis Wainaina.

Partnership Africa Canada:
Ian Smillie, Research Coordinator.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, February 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Bernard Patry, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Peter Goldring, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: David Anderson for Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

In attendance: Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Foodgrains Bank: Stuart Clark, Senior Policy Advisor. *As individuals:* Malex Alebikiya; Fidelis Wainaina. *Partnership Africa Canada:* Ian Smillie, Research Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:04 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:11 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Mr. Ian Smillie made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Ujjal Dosanjh moved, — That this Committee hold hearings, starting at the earliest, for the purpose of evaluating Canada's mission in Afghanistan and determining how the mission can be balanced, in particular to engage in more rigorous diplomatic and development efforts and accordingly that the appropriate Ministers, departmental officials, civil society, representatives of the diaspora and other relevant witnesses.

Debate arose thereon.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting was suspended and the Committee adjourned to another room.

At 11:29 a.m., the sitting resumed in Room 209, West Block.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Ujjal Dosanjh, — That this Committee hold hearings, starting at the earliest, for the purpose of evaluating Canada's mission in Afghanistan and determining how the mission can be balanced, in particular to engage in more rigorous diplomatic and

development efforts and accordingly, invite the appropriate Ministers, governmental officials, civil society, representatives of the diaspora and other relevant witnesses.

The debate continued.

Deepak Obhrai moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “Afghanistan”.

Debate arose thereon.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding the following: “ and reviewing the present focus and accordingly invite the appropriate Ministers, departmental officials, representatives of civil society, the Diaspora and other relevant witnesses” after the word “Afghanistan”.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Bryon Wilfert and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

It was agreed, — That the amendment, as amended, be adopted.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 11:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bill Casey,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymond Bonin for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Patricia Davidson for Wajid Khan,
Luc Malo for Vivian Barbot,
and Anthony Rota for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Centre for the Study of Democracy:

David Donovan, Research Director.

World Federalist Movement - Canada:

Hon. Warren Allmand, President;
Fergus Watt, Executive Director.

Canadian Coalition for Democracies:

Naresh Raghubeer, Executive Director;
David Harris, Senior Fellow for National Security;
Clement Mugula.

Warren Allmand, Fergus Watts and Naresh Raghubeer made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bill Casey, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Raymond Bonin for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Patricia Davidson for Wajid Khan, Luc Malo for Vivian Barbot and Anthony Rota for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Centre for the Study of Democracy: David Donovan, Research Director. *World Federalist Movement - Canada:* Hon. Warren Allmand, President; Fergus Watt, Executive Director. *Canadian Coalition for Democracies:* Naresh Raghubeer, Executive Director; David Harris, Senior Fellow for National Security; Clement Mugula.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

David Donovan made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:05 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Warren Allmand, Fergus Watts and Naresh Raghubeer made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Bernard Patry took the Chair at 10:52 a.m.

Kevin Sorenson took the Chair at 10:55 a.m.

At 11:04 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That the Committee invite the responsible Ministers and appropriate senior officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade concerning the decision to close the Canadian consulates in Milan, Italy; St. Petersburg, Russia; as well as Fukuoka and Osaka, Japan, to appear before the committee by February 20th, 2007 in order to examine the rationale, the cost and the implications of such a decision.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Deepak Obhrai moved, — That the Committee recommend to the Government that the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) establish agriculture as a priority sector using the strategies and policies developed in the CIDA policy document entitled “Promoting Sustainable Rural Development” focusing on sustainability and the reduction of poverty and hunger.

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That this committee reports to the House its call for the Government to step forward, as it did a decade ago when it led efforts to create an international treaty to rid the world of landmines, to:

- Join with the twenty six countries leading efforts in developing a new international treaty on cluster bombs;
- Declare a moratorium on the use, production, trade, transfer, or procurement of cluster munitions until humanitarian concerns about them are addressed;
- Complete the destruction of the cluster munitions in Canada’s military arsenal which are known to be inaccurate, unreliable, and inhumane;
- Ensure policy coherence by supporting effective efforts to prevent the predictable humanitarian harm caused by the use of cluster munitions, in addition to funding post-conflict clearance, risk education and victim assistance; and
- Ratify the Convention on Certain Weapons Protocol V, of 1980, on the clean-up of explosive remnants of war and be the first country to announce new and additional funding to implement our obligations under this Protocol .

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 11:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Bill Casey,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Alexa McDonough,
Bernard Patry
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht for Deepak Obhrai,
Johanne Deschamps for Francine Lalonde,
Hon. Wayne Easter for Hon. Mark Eyking,
Hon. Maria Minna for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Anthony Rota for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
Hon. Judy Sgro for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Judy Sgro for Bernard Patry,
and Brian Storseth for Bill Casey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

University of Calgary:

Kathleen Mahoney, Professor, Faculty of Law.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Alexa McDonough, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Harold Albrecht for Deepak Obhrai, Johanne Deschamps for Francine Lalonde, Hon. Wayne Easter for Hon. Mark Eyking, Hon. Maria Minna for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Anthony Rota for Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Hon. Judy Sgro for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Judy Sgro for Bernard Patry and Brian Storseth for Bill Casey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: University of Calgary: Kathleen Mahoney, Professor, Faculty of Law.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

Professor Kathleen Mahoney made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:32 a.m., Mr. Goldring took the Chair.

At 10:35 a.m., Mr. Sorenson took the Chair.

At 10:38 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:41 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Alexa McDonough, it was agreed, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), the Committee invites the Minister of Foreign Affairs to brief Committee members on the federal government's efforts to ratify the United Nations Covenant on the Rights and Dignity of People with Disabilities.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a) the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development invites the Ministers of Finance and International Cooperation, the Canadian Executive Directors to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, government officials from the Department of Finance Canada and the Canadian International Development Agency, and academics and civil society organizations, to appear before this Committee within four weeks of the government's tabling of its annual Report on Operations Under the Bretton Woods and Related Agreements Act 2005, so that Members of the Committee may evaluate Canada's goals and recommend measures to enhance government transparency and accountability to the Canadian Parliament with respect to its activities at these institutions; and invites the Standing Committee on

Finance to join the hearing.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Bernard Patry, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “within four weeks of ” with the word “after” and by deleting all the words after “2005”.

The question was put on the motion as amended and agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Chair presented the seventh Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. It was agreed, — That the Committee invite the Ministers of Defence, Foreign Affairs and CIDA to appear before the Committee as soon as possible concerning the motion agreed to on Thursday, February 1, 2007, with regard to Afghanistan;
2. It was agreed, — That the Clerk in consultation with the Chair prepare a budget to hear witnesses in relation to the motion agreed to on Thursday, February 1, 2007, with regard to Afghanistan;
3. It was agreed, — That the Committee invite the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to appear on February 27 or March 1, 2007 concerning the study on democratic development;
4. It was agreed, — That members of the Committee would meet informally with Mr. Jonas Gahr Støre, Minister of Foreign Affairs for Norway on Monday, February 26, 2007;
5. It was agreed, — That the Committee invite representatives from Mines Action Canada to give the Committee a briefing on cluster bombs on March 1, 2007 and that individuals with differing views be invited at a later date;
6. It was agreed, — That the Committee attend a lunch at the Parliamentary Restaurant Monday, March 19, 2007, with a delegation from Pakistan, lead by the Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan;
7. It was agreed, — That the Committee refer a request for a hearing on Colombia from the Canadian Council For International Co-operation (CCIC) to the Subcommittee on International Human Rights;
8. It was agreed, — That the Committee refer a request for a hearing on Uganda from GuluWalk to the Subcommittee on International Human Rights;
9. It was agreed, — That the Clerk provide the Committee with a list of all notices of motions which have been received since the beginning of the 39th Parliament but have not yet been moved.

It was agreed, — That the report be adopted.

On motion of Bernard Patry, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$32,300, for the period of February 19 to March 31, 2007 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bill Casey,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Bernard Patry
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps for Vivian Barbot,
Michael Ignatieff for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Mario Laframboise for Vivian Barbot,
Ted Menzies for Deepak Obhrai,
Anthony Rota for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,

and Hon. Judy Sgro for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

North Atlantic Treaty Organization:

James Appathurai, Spokesman, NATO International Staff.

United Nations:

Christopher Alexander, Deputy Special Representative of the
Secretary General for Afghanistan.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

Brock Carlton, Director, International Centre for Municipal
Development;
Gord Steeves, First Vice-President.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bill Casey, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Vivian Barbot, Michael Ignatieff for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Mario Laframboise for Vivian Barbot, Ted Menzies for Deepak Obhrai, Anthony Rota for Hon. Bryon Wilfert and Hon. Judy Sgro for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: North Atlantic Treaty Organization: James Appathurai, Spokesman, NATO International Staff. *United Nations:* Christopher Alexander, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General for Afghanistan. *Federation of Canadian Municipalities:* Brock Carlton, Director, International Centre for Municipal Development; Gord Steeves, First Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

Mr. Appathurai and Mr. Alexander made statements and answered questions.

At 10:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:05 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Mr. Steeves and Mr. Carlton made statements and answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:59 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Eighth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. It was agreed, — That the Clerk distribute a draft outline of the study on Democratic Development prepared by the Library of Parliament analysts on Tuesday, March 6, 2007;
2. It was agreed, — That the Committee discuss the draft outline at their meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2007;

3. It was agreed, — That the Committee hold their meeting of March 20, 2007 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.;
4. It was agreed, — That the Minister of Foreign Affairs appear before the Committee on March 20, 2007;
5. It was agreed, — That a comprehensive list of potential witnesses on the situation in Afghanistan be prepared from submissions by members of the Committee and the analysts, and that the list be distributed by the Clerk;
6. It was agreed, — That the Committee agree to a budget adopted by the Subcommittee on International Human Rights in the amount of \$22,900 for a study on Human Rights in China;
7. It was agreed, — That the following witness: Barnett Rubin, Centre of International Cooperation, be invited to appear in relation to the study on Democratic Development.

On motion of Bernard Patry, it was agreed, — That the eighth report of the Subcommittee, be concurred in.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 22 900, for the period of January 29 to March 31, 2007 be adopted.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, March 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on cluster bombs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Bernard Patry
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Allison for Deepak Obhrai,
Robert Carrier for Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Irwin Cotler for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Brian Storseth for Bill Casey,
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Human Rights Watch:

Steve Goose, Executive Director, Arms Division.

Landmine Action (UK):

Simon Conway, Director.

Mines Action Canada:

Paul Hannon, Executive Director.

Canadian Red Cross:

Isabelle Daoust, International Humanitarian Law Advisor,
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Canadian International Development Agency:

Robert Greenhill, President;
Adair Heuchan, Acting Director General, Office for Democratic
Governance.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, March 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Dean Allison for Deepak Obhrai, Robert Carrier for Vivian Barbot, Hon. Irwin Cotler for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Brian Storseth for Bill Casey and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Human Rights Watch: Steve Goose, Executive Director, Arms Division. *Landmine Action (UK):* Simon Conway, Director. *Mines Action Canada:* Paul Hannon, Executive Director. *Canadian Red Cross:* Isabelle Daoust, International Humanitarian Law Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). *Canadian International Development Agency:* Robert Greenhill, President; Adair Heuchan, Acting Director General, Office for Democratic Governance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on cluster bombs.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:01 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:05 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

Mr. Greenhill made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, L30, L35, L40, 45 and 50 under FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the closing of the Canadian consulates

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the federal government's efforts to ratify the United Nations Covenant on the Rights and Dignity of People with Disabilities

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Bill Casey,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,

Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
and Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

APPEARING:

Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:
Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister;
David Mulroney, Associate Deputy Minister.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Bryon Wilfert and Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister; David Mulroney, Associate Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 1, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, L30, L35, L40, 45 and 50 under FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the closing of the Canadian consulates

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The Minister made a statement on the above-mentioned order of references and answered questions.

The Chair presented the Ninth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. It was agreed, — That the Committee sit from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2007 rather than its usual time of 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
2. It was agreed, — That the former Ambassador Gordon Smith be invited to appear with Dr. Barnett Rubin on March 29, 2007 on the situation in Afghanistan.
3. It was agreed, — That the meeting on March 29, 2007 be televised, if possible and that the Clerk arrange to have a working lunch.

4. It was agreed, — That Members will submit a revised list of witnesses from the names on the Consolidated list with appropriate information concerning each witness proposed.

5. It was agreed, — To invite the Minister of National Defence to appear before the Committee on the situation in Afghanistan, either on April 24 or 25, 2007.

6. It was agreed, — To discuss the draft outline for the draft report on Democratic Development on Thursday, March 22, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

7. It was agreed, — To invite Walter Dorn to appear on Thursday, March 22, 2007 on the situation in Afghanistan.

It was agreed, — That the ninth report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/21 3:09 p.m.

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 45

Thursday, March 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Bill Casey,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Lee, Analyst;

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Queen's University:

Douglas L. Bland, Chair, Defence Management Studies Program,
School of Policy Studies.

As an Individual:

Walter Dorn, Professor and Co-Chair, Department of Security
Studies, Canadian Forces College.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 45

Thursday, March 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Queen's University: Douglas L. Bland, Chair, Defence Management Studies Program, School of Policy Studies. *As an individual:* Walter Dorn, Professor and Co-Chair, Department of Security Studies, Canadian Forces College.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 1, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The witnesses made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:25 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:33 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report on Democratic Development.

That the Committee proceed to the consideration of the draft report

At 11:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/22 1:46 p.m.

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, L30, L35, L40, 45 and 50 under FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Bill Casey,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,

Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Stephen Owen for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
and Caroline St-Hilaire for Francine Lalonde.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

APPEARING:

Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of International Cooperation.

WITNESSES:

Canadian International Development Agency:
Robert Greenhill, President;
Diane Vincent, Executive Vice-President;
Gregory Graham, Vice-President, Human Resources and Corporate
Services Branch.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Stephen Owen for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh and Caroline St-Hilaire for Francine Lalonde.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of International Cooperation.

Witnesses: Canadian International Development Agency: Robert Greenhill, President; Diane Vincent, Executive Vice-President; Gregory Graham, Vice-President, Human Resources and Corporate Services Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, L30, L35, L40, 45 and 50 under FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 1, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The Minister made a statement in regards to both orders of reference and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:02 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:11 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed that the Committee adopt the revised list of witnesses for hearings on Afghanistan presented to the Committee.

At 10:18 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:20 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft outline of a draft report on Democratic

Development.

It was agreed, — that the draft outline of the report, as presented by Library Parliament Analyst be adopted.

At 10:53 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/28 8:19 a.m.

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Meeting No. 47

Thursday, March 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Bill Casey,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Bill Graham for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Keith Martin for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,

and Bev Shipley for Deepak Obhrai.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Center on International Cooperation:

Barnett R. Rubin, Director of Studies and Senior Fellow,
University of New York.

University of Victoria:

Gordon Smith, Executive Director, Centre for Global Studies and
Adjunct Professor of Political Science.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 47

Thursday, March 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Bill Graham for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Keith Martin for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh and Bev Shipley for Deepak Obhrai.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Center on International Cooperation: Barnett R. Rubin, Director of Studies and Senior Fellow, University of New York. *University of Victoria:* Gordon Smith, Executive Director, Centre for Global Studies and Adjunct Professor of Political Science.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 1, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The witnesses made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:55 a.m., Mr. Patry took the Chair.

At 11:58 a.m., Mr. Sorenson took the Chair.

At 1:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:09 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

That the proposed budget from the Subcommittee on International Human Rights in the amount of \$ 9 900, for the period of March 21, 2007 to May 31, 2007 be adopted.

The Chair presented the First, Second and Third Reports from the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development.

At 1:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/30 10:24 a.m.

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

University of Ottawa:

Pierre Beaudet, Professor, International Development and
Globalization Program, Faculty of Social Sciences.

Réseau francophone de recherche sur les opérations de paix:

Marc André Boivin, Assistant-director.

UNICEF Canada:

Nigel Fisher, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Conference of Defence Associations:

Brian S. MacDonald, Senior Defence Analyst;
Alain Pellerin, Executive Director.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: University of Ottawa: Pierre Beaudet, Professor, International Development and Globalization Program, Faculty of Social Sciences. *Réseau francophone de recherche sur les opérations de paix:* Marc André Boivin, Assistant-director. *UNICEF Canada:* Nigel Fisher, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Conference of Defence Associations:* Brian S. MacDonald, Senior Defence Analyst; Alain Pellerin, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 1, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:07 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 49

Thursday, April 19, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
and Scott Reid for Bill Casey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Royal Military College of Canada:

Houchang Hassan-Yari, Professor, Political Science.

As an Individual:

David Van Praagh, Journalist.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 49

Thursday, April 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 9:13 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh and Scott Reid for Bill Casey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Royal Military College of Canada: Houchang Hassan-Yari, Professor, Political Science. *As an individual:* David Van Praagh, Journalist.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Tenth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. It was agreed, —That the First Report of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development be referred back to the Subcommittee until such time as they have finished their discussions on this issue.
2. It was agreed, —That the Committee seek a legal opinion on the best course of action before considering further the Second Report of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development.
3. It was agreed, —That the draft report on Democratic Development be distributed to members Monday, April 23, 2007 and that the Committee meet to study the draft report on May 1st and 3rd, 2007.
4. It was agreed, —That the Committee meet with his Excellency Jaime José Matos de Gama, President of the Assembly of the Portuguese Republic on May 3rd, 2007 between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m.
5. It was agreed, —That the Committee invite Paul Meyer, Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament to appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity.
6. It was agreed, —That the Committee invite witnesses from civil society organizations to appear concerning the annual Report on Operations Under the Bretton Woods and Related Agreements Act 2005.

It was agreed, —That the Tenth report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

At 9:20 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:21 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development invites the appropriate minister(s) and / or officials, to appear before this Committee once the government has responded to the Advisory Group Report: National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Canadian Extractive Industry in Developing Countries, and to present its plan for implementing the report's recommendations.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That the Committee invite the responsible Minister and appropriate senior officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Development concerning the status of the proposal to close up to 19 additional consulates, to appear before Committee in order to examine the rational, the cost and the implications of such a decision as well as the current Government strategy that is being applied when making the decision to close Canadian consulates.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade invite the Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, and the Hon. Helena Guergis, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and International Trade, to appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity to answer questions pertaining to the government's efforts to obtain justice in the murders of Domenic and Nancy Ianeiro in Cancun, Mexico.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 2.

At 10:15 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:18 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 1, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:35 a.m., Mr. Patry took the Chair.

At 10:37 a.m., Mr. Sorenson took the Chair.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/20 2:31 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick Casson for Bill Casey,
and Hon. Irwin Cotler for Bernard Patry.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

APPEARING:

Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Gen R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff;
Ward P.D. Elcock, Deputy Minister;
BGen Ken Watkin, Judge Advocate General.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Rick Casson for Bill Casey and Hon. Irwin Cotler for Bernard Patry.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Gen R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff; Ward P.D. Elcock, Deputy Minister; BGen Ken Watkin, Judge Advocate General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 1, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/26 3:47 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, April 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on February 21, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the government's annual report on Bretton Woods and Related Agreements Act 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bill Casey,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Caroline St-Hilaire for Vivian Barbot,
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

North-South Institute:

Roy Culpeper, President.

KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives:

John R. Dillon, Program Coordinator, Global Economic Justice.

Peace Dividend Trust:

Scott Gilmore, Executive Director.

Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC):

Mark Sedra, Research Associate.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 51

Thursday, April 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met by videoconference at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bill Casey, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Caroline St-Hilaire for Vivian Barbot and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: North-South Institute: Roy Culpeper, President. *KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives:* John R. Dillon, Program Coordinator, Global Economic Justice. *Peace Dividend Trust:* Scott Gilmore, Executive Director. *Bonn International Center for conversion (BICC):* Mark Sedra, Research Associate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on February 21, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the government's annual report on Bretton Woods and Related Agreements Act 2005.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:01 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:03 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 1, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:07 a.m., the sitting resumed in Room 307, West Block.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the eleventh Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. It was agreed, —That if the Committee has received the Subcommittee's report on China, it will study

the report on May 10, 2007.

2. It was agreed, —That the Committee host a lunch at the Parliamentary Restaurant for a parliamentary delegation from the Czech Republic at a convenient time during the delegation's visit from May 28 to June 3, 2007.

3. It was agreed, —That the Committee meet on May 1st, to discuss Part I of the draft report on Democratic Development.

4. It was agreed, —That the Committee request information concerning the rules on the video recording of committee meetings by the press and what constitutes “reasonable notice”.

It was agreed, —That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

Francine Lalonde moved, — That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, first and foremost, urgently address the issue of the fate of Afghani prisoners captured by Canadian soldiers and turned over to the Afghani authorities, and to that end invite the Canadian officials and diplomats who wrote the report entitled Afghanistan 2006: Good Governance, Democratic Development and Human Rights to appear before the Committee at the earliest possible time to present the report, and, secondly, that the Committee request access to the full and uncensored version of that specific report .

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

At 11:26 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/27 1:28 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Raymond Simard for Bernard Patry.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development invite the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of National Defence and other relevant officials to appear before the Committee to present and explain the new Afghan detainee transfer agreement announced by the Minister of Defence in his appearance before this committee, on April 25, 2007, and to explain his role, if any, in altering the report entitled Afghanistan 2006: Good Governance, Democratic Development and Human Rights.

It was agreed, — To invite the High Commissioner of Pakistan to speak to the Committee on Thursday May 10, 2007, concerning Afghanistan and to invite the Ambassador of Afghanistan at a future date.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/02 10:56 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 53

Thursday, May 3, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from the Portuguese Republic

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Bill Casey,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peggy Nash for Alexa McDonough.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

DELEGATION:

Embassy of the Portuguese Republic:

H. E. Joao Pedro Da Silveira Carvalho, Ambassador of the
Portuguese Republic to Canada.

Parliament of Portugal:

His Excellency Jaime José Matos da Gama, Speaker of the
Portuguese Parliament;
Teresa Margarida Figueiredo de Vasconcelos Caeiro, Member of
Parliament;
Ricardo Manuel de Amaral Rodrigues, Member of Parliament;
Jose Honorio Faria Gonçalves Novo, Member of Parliament;
Joao Bosco Soares Mota Amaral, Member of Parliament.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 53

Thursday, May 3, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Peggy Nash for Alexa McDonough.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Delegation: Embassy of the Portuguese Republic: H. E. Joao Pedro Da Silveira Carvalho, Ambassador of the Portuguese Republic to Canada. *Parliament of Portugal:* His Excellency Jaime José Matos da Gama, Speaker of the Portuguese Parliament; Teresa Margarida Figueiredo de Vasconcelos Caeiro, Member of Parliament; Ricardo Manuel de Amaral Rodrigues, Member of Parliament; Jose Honorio Faria Gonçalves Novo, Member of Parliament; Joao Bosco Soares Mota Amaral, Member of Parliament.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:50 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:51 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development call on senior officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Canadian International Development Agency to provide the Committee with a comprehensive and detailed briefing on the Government's current strategy and involvement in the Horn of Africa, specifically Somalia.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 10:57 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:03 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from the Portuguese Republic

At 11:35 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
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2007/05/04 10:08 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Bill Casey,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington, D.C.):

Seema Patel, Lead Project Consultant, Post-Conflict
Reconstruction Project;

Steven Ross, Research Consultant, Post-Conflict Reconstruction
Project.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Associate Members present: Johanne Deschamps.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington, D.C.): Seema Patel, Lead Project Consultant, Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project; Steven Ross, Research Consultant, Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 1, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

Ms. Patel made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:08 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:11 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:50 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:51 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bernard Patry moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development asks that the Department of National Defence provide a fulsome monthly table of the number of prisoners captured during our mission to date, how many have been handed over to Afghan authorities, and any records, if available, of their present status. This reporting is to coincide with the appearance of the Canadian officials and diplomats who wrote the report entitled *Afghanistan 2006: Good Governance, Democratic Development and Human Rights* before the Standing Committee..

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That debate on the motion be suspended until the next meeting.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, May 10, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Bill Casey,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

High Commission for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan:

H.E. Musa Javed Chohan, High Commissioner;
Najm us Saqib, Deputy High Commissioner;
Saqlain Syedah, First Secretary.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 55

Thursday, May 10, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: High Commission for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan: H.E. Musa Javed Chohan, High Commissioner; Najm us Saqib, Deputy High Commissioner; Saqlain Syedah, First Secretary.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 9:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:46 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Bernard Patry, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development asks that the Department of National Defence provide a fulsome monthly table of the number of prisoners captured during our mission to date, how many have been handed over to Afghan authorities, and any records, if available, of their present status. This reporting is to coincide with the appearance of the Canadian officials and diplomats who wrote the report entitled Afghanistan 2006: Good Governance, Democratic Development and Human Rights before the Standing Committee.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

The Chair presented the Twelfth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. It was agreed, —That the Committee refer the Third Report of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights concerning the issue of “comfort women” back to the Subcommittee for further study.
2. It was agreed, —That the Committee invite the Auditor General to appear before the Committee concerning Chapter 3, of the report presented to the House, May 1, 2007, entitled Human Resources Management - Foreign Affairs and International Trade and that, the appropriate officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade be invited to appear before the Committee in the

fall of 2007 to apprise the Committee of any action that has been taken in response to the Auditor General's report.

3. It was agreed, —That the Committee invite Carlos Zorilla, to appear before the Committee at an informal meeting on May 15, 2007 from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

4. It was agreed, —That the Committee refer a request for a meeting from Rights and Democracy with Ms. Suciwati and Mr. Hamid, Indonesian human rights defenders, on May 29, 2007, to the Subcommittee on International Human Rights.

5. It was agreed, —That the Committee invite Ernie Regehr and the Honourable Douglas Roche to appear before the Committee on the issue of disarmament on the same date as the appearance of Paul Meyer, Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament.

6. It was agreed, —That the Committee postpone its study of the report by Subcommittee on International Human Rights on human rights in China until May 31, 2007.

It was agreed, —That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That two representatives from the Embassy of Afghanistan be allowed to attend the *in camera* meeting.

At 9:59 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:00 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 1, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

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Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Associate Members present: Ted Menzies.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/16 8:37 a.m.

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, May 17, 2007

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Meeting No. 57

Thursday, May 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/17 2:38 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006, and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 25, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Bill Casey,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Dewar for Alexa McDonough,
and Wayne Marston for Alexa McDonough.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Jason Kenney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Sarah Chayes, Founder, Arghand (cooperative in Kandahar).

The Senlis Council:

Norine MacDonald, President and Lead Field Researcher, Security
and Development Policy Group.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met by videoconference at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Paul Dewar for Alexa McDonough and Wayne Marston for Alexa McDonough.

Associate Members present: Hon. Jason Kenney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Sarah Chayes, Founder, Arghand (cooperative in Kandahar). *The Senlis Council:* Norine MacDonald, President and Lead Field Researcher, Security and Development Policy Group.

Human Rights in China - Study of Subcommittee Report.

The Committee commenced consideration of the Subcommittee report.

At 9:55 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:58 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 1, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation in Afghanistan.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Bill Casey, it was agreed, — That the Committee meet jointly at the first opportunity with the Standing Committee on National Defence to hear the Minister of Public Safety, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of International Cooperation in relation to the handling of persons detained by the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet with Mr. Mulet, the UN Special Representative of the Secretary General for the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), on Thursday May 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Vice-Chair: Francine Lalonde.

Meeting No. 59

Thursday, May 31, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on May 10, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on disarmament.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Dewar for Alexa McDonough,
Brian Fitzpatrick for Peter Goldring,
and Colin Mayes for Bill Casey.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

His Excellency Paul Meyer, Ambassador and Permanent
Representative to the United Nations, and to the Conference on
Disarmament.

Project Ploughshares:

Ernie Regehr, Senior Policy Advisor.

Middle Powers Initiative:

Hon. Douglas Roche, Senator.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 59

Thursday, May 31, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 8:56 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Paul Dewar for Alexa McDonough, Brian Fitzpatrick for Peter Goldring and Colin Mayes for Bill Casey.

Associate Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: H.E. Paul Meyer, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and to the Conference on Disarmament. *Project Ploughshares:* Ernie Regehr, Senior Policy Advisor. *Middle Powers Initiative:* Hon. Douglas Roche, Senator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on May 10, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on disarmament.

Ernie Regehr and the Honorable Douglas Roche made statements and answered questions.

At 10:10 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:13 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Ambassador Meyers made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/01 8:30 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 60

Thursday, May 31, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Dewar for Alexa McDonough.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

United Nations:

Edmond Mulet, UN Special Representative of the Secretary
General for the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH);
Andrew Grene, Special Assistant to the SRSG (MINUSTAH).

As an Individual:

Claude Boucher, Canada's Ambassador to Haiti.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 60

Thursday, May 31, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Paul Dewar for Alexa McDonough.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: United Nations: Edmond Mulet, UN Special Representative of the Secretary General for the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH); Andrew Grene, Special Assistant to the SRSG (MINUSTAH). *As an individual:* Claude Boucher, Canada's Ambassador to Haiti.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Thirteenth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. That the Committee meet jointly with the Standing Committee on National Defence, pursuant to the motion adopted May 29, 2007, on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. to hear from the various Ministers concerning the issue of Afghan detainees;
2. That the Analysts from the Library of Parliament with the Clerk of the Committee prepare a draft work plan for the study of Bill C-53;
3. That the Committee consider the Fifth report of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights concerning Iran at a future date;
4. That the Committee continue its study of the Fourth report of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights concerning human rights in China, once it has finished consideration of the Committee's report on Democratic Development.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed a study of Canada's role in complex international interventions that involve multiple foreign policy instruments focusing on Canada's efforts in Haiti.

Mr. Mulet made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/01 9:58 a.m.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Bill Casey,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Bill Casey, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:48 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:49 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, —That, during the joint meeting of the Standing Committee on National Defence and the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development on June 6, 2007, the ministers be each given seven minutes to make an opening statement;

that during the questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be, on the first round of questioning, ten minutes to a representative of each party in the following order: Liberal, Bloc Québécois, NDP, Conservative;

on a second round of questioning, five minutes per party beginning with the Liberal, Conservative, Bloc Québécois, Conservative, Liberal, Conservative and Liberal;

and on a third round of questioning, five minutes per party beginning with the Conservative, Liberal, Conservative, Bloc Québécois, Conservative and NDP.

Peter Goldring moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, as part of their study on the situation in Afghanistan and in relation to their study on Democratic Development, travel to the country taking into account the availability of appropriate interlocutors as well as logistics and security considerations.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/05 2:54 p.m.

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Co-Chairs:
Rick Casson
Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 62

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 16, 2006 and May 29, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave MacKenzie for Bill Casey.

MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE:

Claude Bachand,
Dawn Black,
Robert Bouchard,
John Cannis,
Rick Casson,
Hon. Denis Coderre,
Cheryl Gallant,
Laurie Hawn,
Russ Hiebert,
Hon. Keith Martin
and Hon. Joe McGuire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Del Mastro for Steven Blaney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Cox, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
James Lee, Analyst.

Standing Committee on National Defence:

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin.

APPEARING :

Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hon. Stockwell Day, Minister of Public Safety
Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence
Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of International Cooperation
Hon. Helena Guergis, Secretary of State (Foreign Affairs and International Trade).

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 62

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session with the Standing Committee on National Defence at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, Kevin Sorenson, the Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Rick Casson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Dave MacKenzie for Bill Casey.

Members of the Standing Committee on National Defence present: Claude Bachand, Dawn Black, John Cannis, Rick Casson, Hon. Denis Coderre, Cheryl Gallant, Laurie Hawn, Russ Hiebert, Hon. Keith Martin and Hon. Joe McGuire.

Acting Members present: Dean Del Mastro for Steven Blaney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Cox, Analyst. *Standing Committee on National Defence:* Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin, Clerk of the Committee.

Appearing: Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Stockwell Day, Minister of Public Safety; Hon. Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence; Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of International Cooperation; Hon. Helena Guergis, Secretary of State (Foreign Affairs and International Trade).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motions adopted by the Committee on May 1 and May 29, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the handling of persons detained by the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan

The Ministers and the Secretary of State made statements and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/08 9:43 a.m.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 63

Thursday, June 7, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Francine Lalonde,
Alexa McDonough,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Storseth for Bill Casey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 63

Thursday, June 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Brian Storseth for Bill Casey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:49 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:50 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, as part of its ongoing concern for the crisis in Darfur and consideration of issues of Corporate Social Responsibility, invite senior officials from DFAIT, CIDA and other relevant departments, as well as the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Prevention of Genocide, to appear before the committee to share knowledge about what Canadian public and private funds are currently invested in Sudan and explore legislative initiatives the Canadian Government could put forward to set regulations for such investments, and report to the House on its findings..

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/08 9:29 a.m.

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Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, June 12, 2007 .

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Brian Storseth for Bill Casey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Travel Plan for the trip to Afghanistan prepared by the Library of Parliament analysts be agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 220 726, for the Committee's travel to Afghanistan in the Fall of 2007 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That debate on the Sixth Report of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights be adjourned to a future date.

At 10:13 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:15 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:54 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/10/18 4:39 p.m.

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Meeting No. 65

Thursday, June 14, 2007

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Meeting No. 65

Thursday, June 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Francine Lalonde, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Brian Storseth for Bill Casey and Dave Van Kesteren for Bill Casey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/14 4:20 p.m.

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Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

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Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Mark Eyking, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Alexa McDonough, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Francine Lalonde, Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh and Brian Storseth for Bill Casey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal. *As an individual:* Frédérique Kerr, Translator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Democratic Development.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as a Report to the House and that the Chair or his/her designate present it to the House by tabling it with the Clerk of the House by July 11, 2007.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), the Committee authorize the printing of brief dissenting and / or supplementary opinions as appendices to this report immediately after the signature of the Chair, that the opinions be submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, in both official languages on/before Wednesday July 4, 2007.

It was agreed, — To thank all those who, directly or indirectly, contributed to the Study on Democratic Development, such as our clerk, our research office, the console operators, the translators, the support team and the many others who assisted the Committee during this study.

At 10:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/20 10:12 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Clerk of the Committee: Angela Crandall.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Caroline St-Hilaire
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.



ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Allison for Deepak Obhrai.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;

Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Dean Allison for Deepak Obhrai.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Peter Goldring, it was agreed, — That Kevin Sorenson be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Keith Martin, it was agreed, — That Bryon Wilfert be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Caroline St-Hilaire, it was agreed, — That Vivian Barbot be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Kevin Sorenson took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Member from the New Democratic Party do compose the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

It was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Parliamentary Information and Research Service of the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist it in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

Wajid Khan moved, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least 3 members are present, including a member of the opposition.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Dean Allison, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “opposition” the following: “but when travelling outside the parliamentary precinct, that the meeting begin after 15 minutes, regardless of members present”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That witnesses be given ten (10) minutes for their opening statement; that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated ten (10) minutes for the first questioner of each party when a Minister appears before the Committee and five (5) minutes for the other meetings; and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner alternating between Government and Opposition parties.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two (2) representative per organization; provided that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Committee be authorized to purchase documents for the use of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

Bernard Patry moved, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have one staff person at *in camera* meetings.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Keith Martin, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “meetings” the following: “and that one additional person from each party be allowed to be present”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of each *in camera* meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk’s office for consultation by members of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee be authorized to purchase gifts to be presented to foreign hosts and visiting delegations.

Dean Allison moved, — That twenty-four (24) hours’ notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the substantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages.

On motion of Peter Goldring, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “twenty-four (24)” with the words “forty-eight (48)”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That, for motions requiring forty-eight (48) hours’ notice, the Chair be authorized to defer consideration until 15 minutes prior to the adjournment time for the meeting as indicated in the

Notice of the meeting.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Orders 108(1) and 108(2), a Subcommittee on International Human Rights to be chaired by a member elected by the Subcommittee, be established to inquire into matters relating to the promotion of respect for international human rights, as may be referred to it by the Committee; that the subcommittee be composed of seven (7) members or associate members of which three (3) shall be government members and two (2) shall be Liberal members, one shall be from the Bloc Québécois and one from the New Democratic Party, to be named following the usual consultations with the Whips; and that the Subcommittee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, to receive evidence, to sit during a time when the Committee is not sitting in Ottawa, to sit when the Committee is sitting outside Parliamentary Precinct and to sit during periods when the House stands adjourned.

On motion of Keith Martin, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “when the House stands adjourned” the following: “and the Chair of the Subcommittee meet with the Steering Committee of the Foreign Affairs Committee at their mutual discretion”.

At 12:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/19 8:31 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Kevin Sorenson,
Caroline St-Hilaire
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patrick Brown for Wajid Khan,
Norman Doyle for Wajid Khan,
and Hon. Maria Minna for Bernard Patry.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Kevin Sorenson, Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Patrick Brown for Wajid Khan, Norman Doyle for Wajid Khan and Hon. Maria Minna for Bernard Patry.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That the Committee begin a study of Bill C-9, An Act to implement the Convention on the Settlement of Investments Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States (ICSID Convention) on Thursday November 22, 2007, by inviting the Minister of Foreign Affairs and senior department officials;

That the Committee instruct the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, to prepare a study budget for each study that the Committee agrees to carry out and instruct the Chair to present said budgets to the Subcommittee on Budgets of the Liaison Committee;

That the Committee attend a conference in Ottawa on December 11, 2007, entitled "Peacebuilding in Afghanistan: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead", sponsored by the University of Ottawa, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in place of its normal meeting on that day from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.;

That the Committee seek permission to travel off the Parliamentary Precincts to attend a conference on Afghanistan, at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa on December 11, 2007;

That the Committee meet with representatives from the Canadian Food Security Policy Group on December 4, 2007.

On motion of Denis Lebel, it was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

On motion of Vivian Barbot, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the first Vice-Chair, a Member from the Bloc Québécois, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Member from the New Democratic Party.

Paul Dewar moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development (i) undertake an evaluation of Canada's mission in Afghanistan

with particular focus on Canada's diplomatic and development capacity and (ii) examine opportunities by which Canada and the international community can effectively support the initiation of a renewed peace process at the local, regional and international levels, to provide a political solution for lasting peace in Afghanistan.

Debate arose thereon.

Vivian Barbot moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words after “That” with the words “the Committee undertake a study on Canada's mission in Afghanistan; that this study begin with the adoption of all testimony pertaining to this question and heard by the Committee during the previous session of Parliament, so that testimony can be deemed adduced by the Committee in the current session; that, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee invite the relevant representatives of the government, stakeholders from non-government organizations and experts to appear before the Committee at the earliest possible time, with a view to completing this study, making sure to assess, among other aspects, CIDA's participation in Afghanistan and also making sure to investigate possible approaches to establishing a lasting peace in Afghanistan, and, in order to make recommendations on Canada's role in Afghanistan at the end of the present mission; and that the Committee make a preliminary report to the House of Commons by December 14, 2007”.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Vivian Barbot and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Paul Dewar moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, as part of its ongoing concern for the crisis in Sudan and consideration of issues of corporate social responsibility, invite senior officials from DFAIT, CIDA, and other relevant departments, as well as experts and civil society organizations, to appear before the committee to share knowledge about what Canadian public and private funds are currently invested in Sudan, and explore legislative initiatives the Canadian government could put forward to set regulations for such investments, and report to the House on its findings.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 12:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:47 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Peter Goldring, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development conduct a study of the violent response of the Burmese regime to democratic movements in Burma.

On motion of Bryon Wilfert, it was agreed, — That pursuant to Standing Order 81(5) the Committee hold a meeting to study the Supplementary Estimates by November 27, 2007 and that the appropriate Ministers and senior officials be invited to appear before the Committee.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/21 2:33 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, October 29, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to implement the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States (ICSID Convention).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Caroline St-Hilaire
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Alan H. Kessel, Legal Advisor;
Robert Ready, Director, Investment Trade Policy;
Riemer Boomgaardt, Special Counsel, Trade Law Bureau;
Sylvie Tabet, Senior Counsel and Deputy Director, Trade Law Bureau;
Meg Kinnear, Senior General Counsel and Director General, Trade Law Bureau.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

Milos Barutciski, Vice-Chair, International Affairs Committee;
Brian Zeiler-Kligman, Policy Analyst, International.

Alan H. Kessel made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Milos Barutciski and Brian Zeiler-Kligman made statements, and answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Alan H. Kessel, Legal Advisor; Robert Ready, Director, Investment Trade Policy; Riemer Boomgaardt, Special Counsel, Trade Law Bureau; Sylvie Tabet, Senior Counsel and Deputy Director, Trade Law Bureau; Meg Kinnear, Senior General Counsel and Director General, Trade Law Bureau. *Canadian Chamber of Commerce:* Milos Barutciski, Vice-Chair, International Affairs Committee; Brian Zeiler-Kligman, Policy Analyst, International.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of October 29, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to implement the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States (ICSID Convention).

Alan H. Kessel made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:10 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Milos Barutciski and Brian Zeiler-Kligman made statements, and answered questions.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/29 3:18 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007- 2008: Votes 1a, 5a, 10a, 20a, 25a, L40a, 45a and 50a under FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE, referred to the Committee on Tuesday October 30, 2007.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, October 29, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to implement the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States (ICSID Convention).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Caroline St-Hilaire

and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;

James Lee, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian International Development Agency:

Robert Greenhill, President;

Gregory Graham, Acting Vice-President, Human Resources and
Corporate Services Branch (HRCS).

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister;

Doreen Steidle, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Senate:

Hon. Bert Brown, Senator.

House of Commons:

Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk.

Mr. Greenhill and Mr. Edwards made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No: 4

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Comité présent: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian International Development Agency: Robert Greenhill, President; Gregory Graham, Acting Vice-President, Human Resources and Corporate Services Branch (HRCS). *Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister; Doreen Steidle, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

Other Participants present: Senate: Hon. Bert Brown, Senator. *House of Commons:* Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007- 2008: Votes 1a, 5a, 10a, 20a, 25a, L40a, 45a and 50a under FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE, referred to the Committee on Tuesday October 30, 2007.

Mr. Greenhill and Mr. Edwards made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Votes 1a, 5a, 10a, 20a, 25a, L40a, 45a and 50a under FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1a, 5a, 10a, 20a, 25a, L40a, 45a and 50a under FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE to the House.

At 12:34 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:45 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, October 29, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to implement the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States (ICSID Convention).

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 2 to 12 inclusive carried on division.

The Schedule carried on division.

The Short Title carried on division.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the committee invites the responsible Minister and appropriate senior officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canadian International Development Agency and other relevant departments to discuss the current crisis in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Debate arose thereon.

Deepak Obhrai moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the word “or” after the words “the responsible Minister and ”.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Deepak Obhrai and it was negatived, by a show of hands:
YEAS: 3; NAYS: 5.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 1:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/28 1:55 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Denis Lebel,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Caroline St-Hilaire
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daryl Kramp for Wajid Khan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Afghanistan Reference Group:

Gerry Barr, President-Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Council
for International Cooperation;
Lina Holguin, Policy Director, Oxfam Quebec;
Emmanuel Isch, Vice President, International and Canadian
Programs, World Vision Canada;
Stefan Lehmeier, Coordinator, Canadian Peacebuilding
Coordinating Committee;
Graeme MacQueen, Associate Professor, McMaster University;
Mirwais Nahzat, Program Officer, World University Service of
Canada;
Gerry Ohlsen, Vice-Chair, Group of 78.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Denis Lebel, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Daryl Kramp for Wajid Khan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Afghanistan Reference Group: Gerry Barr, President-Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Council for International Cooperation; Lina Holguin, Policy Director, Oxfam Quebec; Emmanuel Isch, Vice President, International and Canadian Programs, World Vision Canada; Stefan Lehmeier, Coordinator, Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee; Graeme MacQueen, Associate Professor, McMaster University; Mirwais Nahzat, Program Officer, World University Service of Canada; Gerry Ohlsen, Vice-Chair, Group of 78.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

Gerry Barr, Lina Holguin, Emmanuel Isch and Mirwais Nahzat made statements and answered questions.

At 12:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:08 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Stefan Lehmeier, Graeme MacQueen and Gerry Ohlsen made statements and answered questions.

At 12:48 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:51 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That the Committee invite the responsible Minister and appropriate senior officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Development concerning the status of the proposal to close up to 19 additional consulates, to appear before Committee in order to examine the rational, the cost and the implications of such a decision as well as the current Government strategy that is being applied when making the decision to close Canadian consulates.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/30 9:01 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing with the Canadian Food Security Policy Group

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Caroline St-Hilaire
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daryl Kramp for Wajid Khan,
and Alexa McDonough for Paul Dewar.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
James Lee, Analyst;
Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to Canada:

H.E. Omar Samad, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of
Afghanistan to Canada.

Canadian Food Security Policy Group:

Rachel Bezner Kerr, Research Coordinator, Soils, Food and
Healthy Communities Project;
Stuart Clark, Chair, Canadian Foodgrains Bank;
Mamby Fofana, Member of the Board of Directors, Unitarian
Service Committee of Canada;
Joshua Mukusya, Founder, Utooni Development Project;
Susan Walsh, Executive Director, Unitarian Service Committee of
Canada.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Daryl Kramp for Wajid Khan and Alexa McDonough for Paul Dewar.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Witnesses: Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to Canada: H.E. Omar Samad, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to Canada. *Canadian Food Security Policy Group:* Rachel Bezner Kerr, Research Coordinator, Soils, Food and Healthy Communities Project; Stuart Clark, Chair, Canadian Foodgrains Bank; Mamby Fofana, Member of the Board of Directors, Unitarian Service Committee of Canada; Joshua Mukusya, Founder, Utooni Development Project; Susan Walsh, Executive Director, Unitarian Service Committee of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing with the Canadian Food Security Policy Group.

Stuart Clark, Joshua Mukusya and Mamby Fofana made statements and answered questions.

At 12:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Ambassador made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:53 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:56 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development call on senior officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Canadian International Development Agency to provide the Committee with a comprehensive and detailed briefing on the Government's current strategy and involvement in the

Horn of Africa, specifically Somalia.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 1:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/05 8:56 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, December 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Denis Lebel,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Caroline St-Hilaire
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daryl Kramp for Wajid Khan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;

Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst;

Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, December 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Denis Lebel, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Daryl Kramp for Wajid Khan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:55 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade invite the Hon. Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, and the Hon. Helena Guergis, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and International Trade, to appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity to answer questions pertaining to the government's efforts to obtain justice in the murders of Domenic and Nancy Ianeiro in Cancun, Mexico.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/06 3:26 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Caroline St-Hilaire.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Claude Bachand for Vivian Barbot,
Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
Sylvie Boucher for Denis Lebel,
Daryl Kramp for Wajid Khan,
and Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Keith Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

APPEARING:

Hon. Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs;
Hon. Bev Oda, Minister of International Cooperation.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:
Yves Brodeur, Assistant Deputy Minister, Afghanistan Task Force.

Canadian International Development Agency:
Stephen Wallace, Vice-President, Afghanistan Task Force.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

Acting Members present: Claude Bachand for Vivian Barbot, Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Sylvie Boucher for Denis Lebel, Daryl Kramp for Wajid Khan and Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Keith Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Bev Oda, Minister of International Cooperation.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Yves Brodeur, Assistant Deputy Minister, Afghanistan Task Force. *Canadian International Development Agency:* Stephen Wallace, Vice-President, Afghanistan Task Force.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Ministers made statements and answered questions.

At 5:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/12 11:37 a.m.

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

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Meeting No. 9

Thursday, December 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Sylvie Boucher for Deepak Obhrai, Rodger Cuzner for Bernard Patry, Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire and Daryl Kramp for Wajid Khan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as presented to it by the analysts and that if it cannot be presented in the House by December 14, 2007, an Order of the House be sought to present the report to the Clerk of the House while the House stands adjourned during December 2007 and January 2008.

It was agreed, — That the preliminary report be adopted as a Report to the House and that the Chair or his designate present it to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), the Committee authorize the printing of a brief dissenting and / or supplementary opinions as appendices to this report immediately after the signature of the Chair, that the opinions be submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, in both official languages, on or before January 1, 2008.

At 12:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall

Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/21 9:11 a.m.



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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, January 31, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted on November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the violent reaction of the Burmese regime to democratic movements in Burma.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Caroline St-Hilaire
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher for Denis Lebel,
Daryl Kramp for Wajid Khan,
and Alan Tonks for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Adèle Dion, Director General, Human Security and Human Rights
Bureau;
John F. G. Hannaford, Director General and Deputy Legal
Adviser;
Mr. Randolph Mank, Director General, Asia South and Pacific
Bureau;
Peter McGovern, Director General, Bilateral Commercial
Relations, Asia and Americas.

Randolph Mank made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, January 31, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Sylvie Boucher for Denis Lebel, Daryl Kramp for Wajid Khan and Alan Tonks for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Associate Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Adèle Dion, Director General, Human Security and Human Rights Bureau; John F. G. Hannaford, Director General and Deputy Legal Adviser; Mr. Randolph Mank, Director General, Asia South and Pacific Bureau; Peter McGovern, Director General, Bilateral Commercial Relations, Asia and Americas.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That, pursuant to the motion agreed to on November 20, 2007, the Committee hold a briefing session on Thursday, January 31, 2008 on Burma with officials from Foreign Affairs;

That, pursuant to the motions agreed to on November 20 and December 4, 2007, the Committee hold a briefing session February 5, 2008, on Somalia and on investment in Sudan, the first hour being a briefing with officials from Foreign Affairs and CIDA on Somalia and during the second hour having a briefing from officials from Foreign Affairs, International Trade and CIDA on Sudan;

That the Clerk enquire into the availability of Mr. John Manley to appear before the Committee.

Deepak Obhrai moved, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to the motion agreed to on November 20, 2007, the Committee hold a briefing session on Thursday, January 31, 2008 on Burma with officials from Foreign Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted on November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the violent reaction of the Burmese regime to democratic movements in

Burma.

Randolph Mank made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:52 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to the motion agreed to on November 20, 2007, the Committee hold a briefing session February 5, 2008, on Somalia with officials from Foreign Affairs and CIDA.

It was agreed, — That the clerk enquire into the availability of Mr. John Manley to appear before the Committee.

Deepak Obhrai moved, — Pursuant to standing order 108 (1)(a), that the committee meet jointly at its first opportunity with the Standing Committee on National Defence to discuss the Manley Report

and that the chairmanship of the joint proceedings alternate between the respective chairs of the two standing committees;

and that the committee call the Hon. John Manley and all members of the Independent Panel on Canada's Future Role in Afghanistan, the ministers of National Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, with the option of adding further witnesses to provide their perspectives on this report;

that the joint proceedings occur during the ordinary scheduled time of this committee, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3:30pm to 5:30pm, commencing at the scheduled meeting immediately following the adoption of this motion and continuing until the conclusion of the meeting of February 28, 2008;

that the committee table a copy of the evidence;

that pursuant to Standing Order 109, the committee request that the government table a comprehensive response to the report;

and that these meetings be televised.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Deepak Obhrai, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by deleting the words "jointly at its first opportunity with the Standing Committee on National Defence" and the words "and that the chairmanship of the joint proceedings alternate between the respective chairs of the two standing committees" in the first paragraph and the words "that the joint proceedings occur during the ordinary scheduled time of this committee, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3:30pm to 5:30pm, commencing at the scheduled meeting immediately following the adoption of this motion and continuing until the conclusion of the meeting of February 28, 2008" in the third paragraph.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/01 3:20 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, January 31, 2008

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, January 31, 2008

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Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Sylvie Boucher for Denis Lebel, Daryl Kramp for Wajid Khan and Alan Tonks for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Associate Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Adèle Dion, Director General, Human Security and Human Rights Bureau; John F. G. Hannaford, Director General and Deputy Legal Adviser; Mr. Randolph Mank, Director General, Asia South and Pacific Bureau; Peter McGovern, Director General, Bilateral Commercial Relations, Asia and Americas.

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That the Clerk enquire into the availability of Mr. John Manley to appear before the Committee.

Deepak Obhrai moved, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to the motion agreed to on November 20, 2007, the Committee hold a briefing session on Thursday, January 31, 2008 on Burma with officials from Foreign Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted on November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the violent reaction of the Burmese regime to democratic movements in

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Randolph Mank made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to the motion agreed to on November 20, 2007, the Committee hold a briefing session February 5, 2008, on Somalia with officials from Foreign Affairs and CIDA.

It was agreed, — That the clerk enquire into the availability of Mr. John Manley to appear before the Committee.

Deepak Obhrai moved, — Pursuant to standing order 108 (1)(a), that the committee meet jointly at its first opportunity with the Standing Committee on National Defence to discuss the Manley Report

and that the chairmanship of the joint proceedings alternate between the respective chairs of the two standing committees;

and that the committee call the Hon. John Manley and all members of the Independent Panel on Canada's Future Role in Afghanistan, the ministers of National Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, with the option of adding further witnesses to provide their perspectives on this report;

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that pursuant to Standing Order 109, the committee request that the government table a comprehensive response to the report;

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Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Deepak Obhrai, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by deleting the words “jointly at its first opportunity with the Standing Committee on National Defence” and the words “and that the chairmanship of the joint proceedings alternate between the respective chairs of the two standing committees” in the first paragraph and the words “that the joint proceedings occur during the ordinary scheduled time of this committee, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3:30pm to 5:30pm, commencing at the scheduled meeting immediately following the adoption of this motion and continuing until the conclusion of the meeting of February 28, 2008” in the third paragraph.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/01 3:20 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on December 4, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Government's current strategy and involvement in the Horn of Africa, specifically Somalia.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher for Peter Goldring,
Hon. Roy Cullen for Hon. Keith Martin,
Claude DeBellefeuille for Caroline St-Hilaire,
Alan Tonks for Bernard Patry,
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Judy Sgro.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
James Lee, Analyst;
Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs:
David Angell, Director General, Africa Bureau.

Canadian International Development Agency:
Nadia Kostiuk, Assistant General Director, Geographic Programs
and Acting Vice President, Africa;
Ken Neufeld, Acting Director, Geographic Programs, East and
Southern Africa Division, Africa Branch.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Sylvie Boucher for Peter Goldring, Hon. Roy Cullen for Hon. Keith Martin, Claude DeBellefeuille for Caroline St-Hilaire, Alan Tonks for Bernard Patry and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Other Members present: Hon. Judy Sgro.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs: David Angell, Director General, Africa Bureau. *Canadian International Development Agency:* Nadia Kostiuk, Assistant General Director, Geographic Programs and Acting Vice President, Africa; Ken Neufeld, Acting Director, Geographic Programs, East and Southern Africa Division, Africa Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on December 4, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Government's current strategy and involvement in the Horn of Africa, specifically Somalia.

David Angell and Nadia Kostiuk made statements and answered questions.

At 4:41 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:48 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Deepak Obhrai, it was agreed, — That the Notice of Motion of Mr. Goldring concerning Kenya be moved to the top of the list of motions to be discussed .

It was agreed, — That the Committee consent to having Mr. Obhrai move the motion that Mr. Goldring gave notice of concerning Kenya.

Deepak Obhrai moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development present the following motion to the House as a report : That the Committee recommends to the government that it calls on all parties involved in the disputed Kenyan elections to reach an immediate, peaceful agreement in order to stop the tragic and continued violence, and that the Committee notes with deep concern the violation of human rights in Kenya during this political crisis.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Vivian Barbot moved, — That, following the tabling and release of the Government's response to the Advisory Group Report on the National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Canadian Extractive Industry in Developing Countries (tabled on March 29, 2007), the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development invite the responsible Ministers to appear before the Committee to explain the Government's response.

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/06 3:49 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, February 7, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Paul Dewar,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht for Peter Goldring,
Claude DeBellefeuille for Caroline St-Hilaire,
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Raymond Chan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst;

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;

James Lee, Analyst.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, February 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 4:39 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Paul Dewar, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Harold Albrecht for Peter Goldring, Claude DeBellefeuille for Caroline St-Hilaire and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Raymond Chan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the third Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That the list of witness for Afghanistan agreed to in the previous session be resubmitted to the Committee and agreed to, and that new names may be added to the list and that meetings be held on Afghanistan as soon as possible;

That the Committee hold a session on Sudan, Tuesday February 26, 2008 and invite witnesses from the relevant government departments as well as other witnesses.

Vivian Barbot moved, — That, following the tabling and release of the Government's response to the Advisory Group Report on the National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Canadian Extractive Industry in Developing Countries (tabled on March 29, 2007), the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development invite the relevant Ministers to appear before the Committee to explain the Government's response.

Debate arose thereon.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the word "as ten months have passed since the roundtable and the Government has not tabled the response" after the word "(tabled on March 29, 2007)".

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Deepak Obhrai moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2) the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development undertake a study investigating the effectiveness and quality of Canada's food aid policy and whether current methods of delivery meet the objectives established under the Food Aid Convention.

Debate arose thereon.

Vivian Barbot moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words “food aid policy” the following: “whether the local productive capacity of developing countries is sufficient to feed their populations and export agricultural products ”.

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/08 4:01 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 27, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson,
Caroline St-Hilaire
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Randolph Mank, Director General, Asia South and Pacific Bureau;
Mr. Jim Nickel, Director, South Asia Division.

Randolph Mank made a statement and, with Jim Nickel, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson, Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Mr. Randolph Mank, Director General, Asia South and Pacific Bureau; Mr. Jim Nickel, Director, South Asia Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 27, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the situation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Randolph Mank made a statement and, with Jim Nickel, answered questions.

At 4:49 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:53 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Deepak Obhrai, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2) the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development undertake a study investigating the effectiveness and quality of Canada's food aid policy and whether current methods of delivery meet the objectives established under the Food Aid Convention and of the amendment of Vivian Barbot, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words "food policy" the following: "whether the local productive capacity of developing countries is sufficient to feed their population and export agriculture products".

The debate continued.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Vivian Barbot and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 4.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 7.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall

Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/13 3:55 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, February 14, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
James Lee, Analyst;
Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Conference of Defence Associations:

Alain Pellerin, Executive Director;
Paul Manson, President.

Francophone Research Network on Peace Operations:

Marc André Boivin, Deputy Director.

As Individuals:

Seddiq Weera, Senior Advisor, Independent National Commission
on Strengthening Peace and Senior Policy Advisor, Minister of
Education, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Strategic Forecasting, Inc.:

Kamran Bokhari, Director of Middle East Analysis .

As Individuals:

Lewis MacKenzie.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, February 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Witnesses: Conference of Defence Associations: Alain Pellerin, Executive Director; Paul Manson, President. *Francophone Research Network on Peace Operations:* Marc André Boivin, Deputy Director. *As an individual:* Seddiq Weera, Senior Advisor, Independent National Commission on Strengthening Peace and Senior Policy Advisor, Minister of Education, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. *Strategic Forecasting, Inc :* Kamran Bokhari, Director of Middle East Analysis . *As an individual:* Lewis MacKenzie.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

Paul Manson, Marc André Boivin and Seddiq Weera made statements and answered questions.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:38 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Kamran Bokhari and Lewis MacKenzie made statements and answered questions.

At 5:26, the sitting was suspended.

At 5:28, the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 9 650, for the study on Sudan, be adopted.

It was agreed, — To move the meeting on Sudan, from Tuesday February 26, 2008 to Thursday February 28, 2008.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/18 2:13 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, February 28, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the crisis in Sudan and investments.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Ken Sunquist, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Operations and
Chief Trade Commissioner;
David Angell, Director General, Africa Bureau;
Scott Proudfoot, Director, Sudan Task Force;
Donica Pottie, Director, Human Security Policy Division.

Canadian International Development Agency:

Louise Clément, Acting Director General, Southern and Eastern
Africa Directorate, Africa Branch.

Canadian Economic Development Assistance for Southern Sudan:

David Tennant, Executive Director.

Sudan Divestment Movement:

Daniel Millenson, National Advocacy Director, Sudan Divestment
Task Force.

STAND Canada:

Ira Goldstein, National Divestment Coordinator.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, February 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Ken Sunquist, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Operations and Chief Trade Commissioner; David Angell, Director General, Africa Bureau; Scott Proudfoot, Director, Sudan Task Force; Donica Pottie, Director, Human Security Policy Division. *Canadian International Development Agency:* Louise Clément, Acting Director General, Southern and Eastern Africa Directorate, Africa Branch. *Canadian Economic Development Assistance for Southern Sudan:* David Tennant, Executive Director. *Sudan Divestment Movement:* Daniel Millenson, National Advocacy Director, Sudan Divestment Task Force. *STAND Canada:* Ira Goldstein, National Divestment Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the crisis in Sudan and investments.

Ken Sunquist made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:39 p.m., the sitting resumed.

David Tennant, Daniel Millenson and Ira Goldstein made statements and answered questions.

At 5:10, by unanimous consent and pursuant to Standing Order 115(5), it was agreed that the Committee would continue to sit for five minutes after the bells began ringing.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/07 2:23 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Carrier for Caroline St-Hilaire,
and Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Raymond Chan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Amnesty International Canada:

Alex Neve, Secretary General;
Hilary Homes, Campaigner, International Justice, Security and
Human Rights.

The Hillbrooke Group:

Grant Kippen, Principal.

Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, University of Calgary:

M.D. Capstick, Associate.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

PROCÈS-VERBAL

Séance n^o 16

Le mardi 4 mars 2008

Le Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du développement international se réunit aujourd'hui à 15 h 36, dans la pièce 371 de l'édifice de l'Ouest, sous la présidence de Kevin Sorenson, le président.

Membres du Comité présents : Vivian Barbot, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, l'hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson et l'hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Membres substitués présents : Robert Carrier remplace Caroline St-Hilaire et l'hon. Mark Eyking remplace l'hon. Raymond Chan.

Aussi présents : *Bibliothèque du Parlement* : Natalie Mychajlyszyn, analyste; Gerald Schmitz, analyste principal.

Témoins : *Amnistie internationale Canada* : Alex Neve, secrétaire général; Hilary Homes, responsable de la campagne, Justice internationale, sécurité et droits de la personne. *The Hillbrooke Group* : Grant Kippen, directeur. *Centre d'études militaires et stratégiques, Université de Calgary* : M.D. Capstick, associé.

Conformément à l'article 108(2) du Règlement et à la motion adoptée par le Comité le 20 novembre 2007, le Comité reprend son étude de la mission canadienne en Afghanistan.

Les témoins font des déclarations et répondent aux questions.

À 17 h 3, la séance est suspendue.

À 17 h 5, la séance reprend.

Le Comité entreprend l'examen de questions relatives aux travaux du Comité.

Le président présente le quatrième Rapport du Sous-comité du programme et de la procédure qui se lit comme suit:

Que la liste de témoins du 22 février 2008 dressée par la Bibliothèque du Parlement et les noms envoyés au bureau de la greffière qui figurent dans le document : « D'autres noms de témoins envoyés au bureau de la greffière pour l'étude sur l'Afghanistan » soient acceptés;

Que le calendrier de planification pour février/mars 2008 qui précise quels témoins seront invités à comparaître dans le cadre de l'étude sur l'Afghanistan soit adopté;

Que le Comité finisse d'entendre des témoins dans le cadre de l'étude sur l'Afghanistan le jeudi 13 mars 2008;

Que le Comité se réunisse à huis clos le 1er avril 2008 afin de fournir aux analystes de la Bibliothèque du Parlement des instructions pour la rédaction d'un rapport provisoire sur l'Afghanistan;

Que le Comité entende d'autres témoins au sujet de la Birmanie et du Soudan le jeudi 3 avril 2008, en consacrant une heure à chaque pays;

Que le Comité tienne une séance de deux heures le mardi 8 avril 2008 pour assurer le suivi de l'étude faite sur Haïti;

Que le ministre des Affaires étrangères soit invité à comparaître le jeudi 10 avril 2008 au sujet de la motion adoptée par le Comité le 6 décembre 2007 concernant les meurtres de Domenic et de Nancy Ianeiro au Mexique;

Que le Comité rencontre les membres d'une délégation des Philippines le mardi 15 avril 2008;

Que le Comité invite l'ambassadeur du Japon au Canada ainsi que des hauts fonctionnaires des Affaires étrangères à donner le jeudi 17 avril 2008 une séance d'information sur les relations diplomatiques de longue date qu'entretiennent le Canada et le Japon;

Qu'un rapport provisoire de l'étude menée par le Comité sur l'Afghanistan soit distribué aux membres d'ici le 29 avril 2008, et que ces derniers disposent d'au moins une semaine pour en faire la lecture et y réfléchir avant de commencer à l'examiner à huis clos.

Deepak Obhrai propose, — Que le rapport du Sous-comité, soit adopté.

Il s'élève un débat.

Vivian Barbot propose, — Que le rapport soit modifié par substitution aux mots «jeudi 3 avril 2008» après les mots «en consacrant une heure à chaque pays» des mots «mardi le 8 avril 2008» et par substitution aux mots «mardi le 8 avril 2008» après les mots «pour assurer le suivi de l'étude faite sur Haïti» des mots «jeudi le 3 avril 2008».

Après débat, l'amendement de Vivian Barbot est mis aux voix et adopté.

Sur motion de Bryon Wilfert, il est convenu, — Que le rapport soit modifié par suppression de la recommandation d'une séance d'information sur les relations diplomatiques qu'entretiennent le Canada et le Japon.

La motion est mise aux voix et le rapport, tel que modifié, est adopté.

The amended report reads as follows:

Que la liste de témoins du 22 février 2008 dressée par la Bibliothèque du Parlement et les noms envoyés au bureau de la greffière qui figurent dans le document : « D'autres noms de témoins envoyés au bureau de la greffière pour l'étude sur l'Afghanistan » soient acceptés;

Que le calendrier de planification pour février/mars 2008 qui précise quels témoins seront invités à comparaître dans le cadre de l'étude sur l'Afghanistan soit adopté;

Que le Comité finisse d'entendre des témoins dans le cadre de l'étude sur l'Afghanistan le jeudi 13 mars 2008;

Que le Comité se réunisse à huis clos le 1er avril 2008 afin de fournir aux analystes de la Bibliothèque

du Parlement des instructions pour la rédaction d'un rapport provisoire sur l'Afghanistan;

Que le Comité entende d'autres témoins au sujet de la Birmanie et du Soudan le mardi 8 avril 2008, en consacrant une heure à chaque pays;

Que le Comité tienne une séance de deux heures le jeudi 3 avril 2008 pour assurer le suivi de l'étude faite sur Haïti;

Que le ministre des Affaires étrangères soit invité à comparaître le jeudi 10 avril 2008 au sujet de la motion adoptée par le Comité le 6 décembre 2007 concernant les meurtres de Domenic et de Nancey Ianeiro au Mexique;

Que le Comité rencontre les membres d'une délégation des Philippines le mardi 15 avril 2008;

Qu'un rapport provisoire de l'étude menée par le Comité sur l'Afghanistan soit distribué aux membres d'ici le 29 avril 2008, et que ces derniers disposent d'au moins une semaine pour en faire la lecture et y réfléchir avant de commencer à l'examiner à huis clos.

À 17 h 20, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation par la présidence.

La greffière du Comité,

Angela Crandall

2008/03/07 14 h 29

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, March 6, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don H. Bell for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
Christiane Gagnon for Caroline St-Hilaire,
and Larry Miller for Denis Lebel.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Norman Paterson School of International Affairs:
Peggy Mason, Senior Fellow.

University of Ottawa:
Nipa Banerjee, Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, Graduate
School of Public and International Affairs, International
Development and Globalization.

Université de Montréal:
Rémi Landry, Associate Researcher, Research Group in
International Security.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

Français Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, March 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Don H. Bell for Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Christiane Gagnon for Caroline St-Hilaire and Larry Miller for Denis Lebel.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Witnesses: Norman Paterson School of International Affairs: Peggy Mason, Senior Fellow. *University of Ottawa:* Nipa Banerjee, Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, International Development and Globalization. *Université de Montréal:* Rémi Landry, Associate Researcher, Research Group in International Security.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:14 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/07 10:45 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Ignatieff.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;

James Lee, Analyst;

Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Independent Panel on Canada's Future Role in Afghanistan:

Hon. John Manley, Chair;

Derek H. Burney, Panellist;

Pamela Wallin, Panellist.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

Français [Close](#)

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire.

Associate Members present: Michael Ignatieff.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Witnesses: Independent Panel on Canada's Future Role in Afghanistan: Hon. John Manley, Chair; Derek H. Burney, Panellist; Pamela Wallin, Panellist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The witnesses answered questions from the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:15 p.m., by unanimous consent and pursuant to Standing Order 115(5), it was agreed that the Committee continue to sit until 5:25 p.m.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/12 8:30 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, March 13, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Kevin Sorenson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher for Wajid Khan,
and Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Hon. Flora Isabel MacDonald, Founder, Future Generations
Canada;
Sally Armstrong, Journalist.

Canadian Council for International Cooperation:

Surendrini Wijeyaratne, Policy Analyst, Peace and Conflict.

University of Redlands:

Robert Jackson, Director of International Relations.

Centre for International Governance Innovation:

Paul Heinbecker, Distinguished Fellow.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, March 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Kevin Sorenson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Sylvie Boucher for Wajid Khan and Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Hon. Flora Isabel MacDonald, Founder, Future Generations Canada; Sally Armstrong, Journalist. *Canadian Council for International Cooperation:* Surendrini Wijeyaratne, Policy Analyst, Peace and Conflict. *University of Redlands:* Robert Jackson, Director of International Relations. *Centre for International Governance Innovation:* Paul Heinbecker, Distinguished Fellow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Keith Martin, it was agreed, — That the Committee continue questioning the witnesses until 5:30 p.m. rather than going to Committee Business at 5:00 p.m. as previously agreed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the fifth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights maintain open and clear communications with the Committee;

That the Committee invite the following witnesses to appear in relation to the Committee's follow-up study on Haiti: Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL), Rights & Democracy, Nicholas Galletti, John Wood, Parliamentary Centre / Program Manager, Haiti Parliamentary Support Project, Nancy Roc (journalist for Alterpresse), Issue table for Haiti (Suzanne Loiselle or Marthe Lapierre), Danielle Magloire, appropriate government officials and other witnesses as may be submitted to the Clerk's office;

That the Committee invite Estelle Dricot, University of Laval, Institut québécois des hautes études internationales to appear in relation to a study on the situation in Burma and other witnesses as may be

submitted to the Clerk's office;

That the Committee invite Ms. Surendrini Wijeyaratne, Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC), to appear in relation to the study on Afghanistan, Thursday, March 13, 2008; and

That the Committee invite Matt Waldman, Oxfam, International Policy Advisor based in Kabul, to appear in relation to the study on Afghanistan, the week of April 7, 2008.

On motion of Keith Martin, it was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/14 11:59 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

IN-CAMERA:

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire, Massimo Pacetti for Hon. Raymond Chan and Hon. Bob Rae for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That a meeting with a Delegation from the Philippines on Human rights scheduled for April 15, 2008 be referred to the Subcommittee on International Human Rights.

It was agreed, — That a request to meet with Firoze Manji of Kenya on April 15, 2008, be referred to the Subcommittee on International Human Rights.

It was agreed, — That the Committee study the report of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights concerning China on April 29 and May 1, 2008 or at an earlier date if possible.

It was agreed, — That the Committee review the Sudanese Comprehensive Peace Agreement and the ongoing crisis in Darfur and seek approval to travel to the region, reporting back to Parliament with recommendations.

It was agreed, — That the motion standing on the list in the name of Vivian Barbot concerning Omar Khadr be moved to the top and debated.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/06 8:18 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, April 3, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted on March 4, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing to update the Committee on the situation in Haiti

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Johanne Deschamps,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicole Demers for Johanne Deschamps,
Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Bob Rae,
David J. McGuinty for Hon. Raymond Chan,
Hon. Maria Minna for Hon. Keith Martin,
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Raymond Chan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
James Lee, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Rights and Democracy:

Jean-Paul Hubert, Interim President;
Danièle Magloire, Coordinator, Haiti Office;
Nicholas Galletti, Americas Regional Officer.

Parliamentary Centre:

John Wood, Program Manager, Haiti.

Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL):

Carlo Dade, Executive Director.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Ginette Martin, Acting Director General, Latin America and
Caribbean Bureau;
Robert Derouin, Director General, Stabilization and
Reconstruction Task Force (START) Secretariat.

Canadian International Development Agency:

Luc Fréchette, Director General, Haiti and Dominican Republic,
Americas Branch;
Louis Verret, Director, Haiti and Dominican Republic, Americas
Branch.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

David Beer, Director General, International Policing.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, April 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Nicole Demers for Johanne Deschamps, Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Bob Rae, David J. McGuinty for Hon. Raymond Chan, Hon. Maria Minna for Hon. Keith Martin and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Raymond Chan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst.

Witnesses: Rights and Democracy: Jean-Paul Hubert, Interim President; Danièle Magloire, Coordinator, Haiti Office; Nicholas Galletti, Americas Regional Officer. *Parliamentary Centre:* John Wood, Program Manager, Haiti. *Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL):* Carlo Dade, Executive Director. *Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Ginette Martin, Acting Director General, Latin America and Caribbean Bureau; Robert Derouin, Director General, Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force (START) Secretariat. *Canadian International Development Agency:* Luc Fréchette, Director General, Haiti and Dominican Republic, Americas Branch; Louis Verret, Director, Haiti and Dominican Republic, Americas Branch. *Royal Canadian Mounted Police:* David Beer, Director General, International Policing.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted on March 4, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing to update the Committee on the situation in Haiti

Jean-Paul Hubert, Danièle Magloire, John Wood and Carlo Dade made statements and answered questions.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Ginette Martin, Luc Fréchette and David Beer made statements and answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:16 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Vivian Barbot, — Whereas Omar Khadr, a young Canadian, will soon be facing trial by military commission on allegations of war crimes; whereas he is the only foreign national still being held at Guantanamo; and whereas his trial would be the first in

which a tribunal would rule on war crimes committed by a child soldier, therefore it is proposed: That the Committee invite to appear, as soon as possible, first and foremost, Omar Khadr's lawyers and experts to explain why they are calling for all accusations against Khadr to be dismissed; and Secondly, that the Minister of Foreign Affairs and relevant government representatives be invited to appear before the Committee to report on measures taken with respect to this file.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 0.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/04 9:08 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted on November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the violent reaction of the Burmese regime to democratic movements in Burma.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Raymond Chan,
Johanne Deschamps,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Denis Lebel,
Bernard Patry,
Hon. Bob Rae
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht for Deepak Obhrai,
Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Keith Martin,
Diane Bourgeois for Vivian Barbot,
and Jacques Gourde for Wajid Khan.

WITNESSES:

Institut québécois des hautes études internationales:

Estelle Dricot, Professional Researcher, International Peace and
Security Program.

Rights and Democracy:

Micheline Lévesque, Regional Officer, Asia.

Canadian Friends of Burma:

Tin Maung Htoo, Executive Director.

OXFAM:

Matt Waldman, Afghanistan Policy Adviser, Oxfam International.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Raymond Chan, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Denis Lebel, Bernard Patry, Hon. Bob Rae and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Harold Albrecht for Deepak Obhrai, Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Keith Martin, Diane Bourgeois for Vivian Barbot and Jacques Gourde for Wajid Khan.

Witnesses: *Institut québécois des hautes études internationales:* Estelle Dricot, Professional Researcher, International Peace and Security Program. *Rights and Democracy:* Micheline Lévesque, Regional Officer, Asia. *Canadian Friends of Burma:* Tin Maung Htoo, Executive Director. *OXFAM:* Matt Waldman, Afghanistan Policy Adviser, Oxfam International.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Peter Goldring, it was agreed, — That Bernard Patry be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted on November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the violent reaction of the Burmese regime to democratic movements in Burma.

Tim Maung Htoo, Estelle Dricot and Micheline Lévesque made statements and answered questions.

At 4:19 p.m., Harold Albrecht took the Chair.

At 4:23 p.m., Kevin Sorenson took the Chair.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

Matt Waldman made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:03 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Paul Dewar moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and given that the Remote Sensing Space Systems Act enacted especially for RADARSAT-2 authorizes the Minister of Foreign Affairs to block the transfer of the satellite's license on grounds related to "national security (and) the defence of Canada", the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development immediately undertake a study of the consequences of the proposed sale of the space division of MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd. (MDA) to U.S.-based ATK (formerly Alliant Techsystems) on Canada's national security and defence, reporting its recommendations to the House of Commons no later than April 16, 2008, and to this end, schedule additional meetings if necessary, including joint meetings with other committees such as the Standing Committees on Industry and National Defence, in order to complete these hearings and the report.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Peter Goldring, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by deleting the word "that" before the words "the Remote Sensing Space Systems Act" and the words "enacted especially for RADARSAT-2 authorizes the Minister of Foreign Affairs to block the transfer of the satellite's license on grounds related to "national security (and) the defence of Canada"" before the words "the Standing Committee".

On motion of Johanne Deschamps, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by deleting the words "its recommendations".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and given the Remote Sensing Space Systems Act, the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development immediately undertake a study of the consequences of the proposed sale of the space division of MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd. (MDA) to U.S.-based ATK (formerly Alliant Techsystems) on Canada's national security and defence, reporting to the House of Commons no later than April 16, 2008, and to this end, schedule additional meetings if necessary, including joint meetings with other committees such as the Standing Committees on Industry and National Defence, in order to complete these hearings and the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear witnesses on RADARSAT-2 on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 for two hours.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/09 2:21 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, April 10, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the crisis in Sudan and investments.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Raymond Chan,
Johanne Deschamps,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Hon. Bob Rae
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois for Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Irwin Cotler for Hon. Keith Martin,
and Wayne Marston for Paul Dewar.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
James Lee, Analyst;
Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff.

La Mancha Resources Inc.:

Martin Amyot, Vice-President, Corporate Development.

International Crisis Group:

David Mozersky, Project Director, Horn of Africa.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 23

Thursday, April 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Raymond Chan, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Hon. Bob Rae and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Diane Bourgeois for Vivian Barbot, Hon. Irwin Cotler for Hon. Keith Martin and Wayne Marston for Paul Dewar.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff. *La Mancha Resources Inc.:* Martin Amyot, Vice-President, Corporate Development. *International Crisis Group:* David Mozersky, Project Director, Horn of Africa.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

General Hillier made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the crisis in Sudan and investments.

David Mozersky and Martin Amyot made statements and answered questions.

At 5:25, the sitting was suspended.

At 5:27, the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 12,850, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet Monday, April 14, 2008 after the normal hour for Question Period.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 10:34 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and motion adopted by the Committee on April 8, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the proposed sale of RADARSAT-2.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Raymond Chan,
Johanne Deschamps,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Bernard Patry,
Hon. Bob Rae
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Diane Bourgeois for Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Keith Martin,
and Brian Masse for Paul Dewar.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Masse.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of British Columbia:

Michael Byers, Professor, Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law.

Canadian Diamond Consultants Inc.:

Pierre Leblanc, President.

Rideau Institute on International Affairs:

Steven Staples, Chair.

Sack, Goldblatt and Mitchell:

Steven Shrybman, Lawyer.

ImStrat Corporation:

Tom Last, President.

University of Manitoba:

James Fergusson, Director, Centre for Defence and Security Studies.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met by videoconference at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Raymond Chan, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Bernard Patry, Hon. Bob Rae and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Diane Bourgeois for Vivian Barbot, Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Keith Martin and Brian Masse for Paul Dewar.

Associate Members present: Brian Masse.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of British Columbia: Michael Byers, Professor, Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law. *Canadian Diamond Consultants Inc.:* Pierre Leblanc, President. *Rideau Institute on International Affairs:* Steven Staples, Chair. *Sack, Goldblatt and Mitchell:* Steven Shrybman, Lawyer. *ImStrat Corporation:* Tom Last, President. *University of Manitoba:* James Fergusson, Director, Centre for Defence and Security Studies.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and motion adopted by the Committee on April 8, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the proposed sale of RADARSAT-2.

Michael Byers, Pierre Leblanc, Steven Staples and Steven Shrybman made statements and answered questions.

At 4:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting resumed.

James Fergusson and Tom Last made statements and answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:24 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Seventh Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights hear testimony from Lt. Com. William Kuebler, concerning the Omar Khadr situation on April 29, 2008;

That the budget of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights in the amount of \$39,200.00 for a study on the Omar Khadr situation be agreed to;

That the committee hear testimony from Charles Burton concerning China for one hour on April 17, 2008 or at another more convenient time;

That if the Committee feels the need to hear more witnesses on the RADARSAT-2 issue, they hold a one hour meeting on April 17, 2008.

On motion of Johanne Deschamps, it was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

Johanne Deschamps moved, — That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development calls on the Minister of Industry Canada to stand by his decision, a decision made under the Investment Canada Act, not to allow the Canadian company MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd. (MDA) to sell aerospace assets, including RADARSAT-2, to the U.S. company Alliant Techsystems Inc. (ATK).

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 0.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/17 9:26 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, April 17, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008 the Committee resumed its study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Raymond Chan,
Johanne Deschamps,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois for Vivian Barbot,
Jean-Claude D'Amours for Hon. Bob Rae,
and Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Keith Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
James Lee, Analyst;
Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Charles Burton, Associate Professor, Department of Political
Science, Brock University.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, April 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Raymond Chan, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Diane Bourgeois for Vivian Barbot, Jean-Claude D'Amours for Hon. Bob Rae and Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Keith Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Charles Burton, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Brock University.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008 the Committee commenced its study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue

Charles Burton made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:59 p.m., Dr. Patry took the Chair.

At 4:07 p.m., Mr. Sorenson took the Chair.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:12 p.m., Dr. Patry took the Chair.

At 5:18 p.m., Mr. Sorenson took the Chair.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/18 9:26 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008 the Committee resumed its study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Johanne Deschamps,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Hon. Bob Rae
and Kevin Sorenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;

Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst;

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Hon. Bob Rae and Kevin Sorenson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008 the Committee resumed its study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:05 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Paul Dewar moved, — That the motion asking that the Minister of Foreign Affairs be invited to appear before the Committee in relation to his record, be moved to the top and be debated.

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/30 1:29 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, May 1, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008 the Committee resumed its study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Johanne Deschamps,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Goodyear for Deepak Obhrai,
and Michael Savage for Hon. Keith Martin.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, May 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 4:05 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Gary Goodyear for Deepak Obhrai and Michael Savage for Hon. Keith Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008 the Committee resumed its study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, as part of its consideration of the report by the Subcommittee on International Human Rights entitled Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue, devote two other meetings to hearing from further witnesses, including experts in this area.

At 5:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:16 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Paul Dewar moved, — That his motion asking that the Minister of Foreign Affairs be invited to appear before the Committee in relation to his record, be moved to the top of the list and be debated.

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/02 1:24 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Johanne Deschamps,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Hon. Bob Rae
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher for Wajid Khan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
James Lee, Analyst;
Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Hon. Bob Rae and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Sylvie Boucher for Wajid Khan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:20 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:21 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Eighth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That the list of witnesses sent to the Clerk's office for the China meetings be accepted;

That the Committee continue studying the draft report on Afghanistan during the meetings on May 13 and May 15, 2008;

That the Committee hold meetings on May 27 and 29 to hear from witnesses on the study on the Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue;

That a budget in the amount \$18,000 for the study on the Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights dialogue be adopted and that the Chair forward the said budget to the Liaison Committee.

On motion of Paul Dewar, it was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

Paul Dewar moved, — That his motion asking the Minister of Foreign Affairs be invited to appear before the Committee in relation to his record, be moved to the top of the list and be debated.

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/07 1:23 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, May 8, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Johanne Deschamps,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Hon. Bob Rae
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcel Proulx for Bernard Patry.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;

James Lee, Analyst;

Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, May 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Hon. Bob Rae and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Marcel Proulx for Bernard Patry.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

At 5:19 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:20 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Deepak Obhrai moved, — That his motion to invite the Minister of Foreign Affairs to discuss the foreign policy priorities of the Government of Canada be moved to the top of the list and be debated.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 3.

Deepak Obhrai moved, — That pursuant to standing order 108 (2) the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development invite the Minister of Foreign Affairs to discuss the foreign policy priorities of the Government of Canada.

Paul Dewar moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “Canada” the following: “and report back to the House whether this Committee has confidence in the Minister”.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Paul Dewar and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 3.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/09 9:57 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chair: Bernard Patry.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Johanne Deschamps,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Denis Lebel,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry
and Hon. Bob Rae.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Maria Minna for Hon. Keith Martin,
and Rick Norlock for Kevin Sorenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst;
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Bernard Patry, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Denis Lebel, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Hon. Bob Rae.

Acting Members present: Hon. Maria Minna for Hon. Keith Martin and Rick Norlock for Kevin Sorenson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:19 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet on Thursday May 29, 2008 between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. to hear from witnesses in China, via videoconference.

Paul Dewar moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development report to the House the following recommendations; that the Government adopt the recommendations put forward in the Advisory Group Report: National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Canadian Extractive Industry in Developing Countries, and that the government announces its proposals for the implementation of the Report's recommendations, be moved to the top of the list.

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/14 9:47 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, May 15, 2008

IN-CAMERA:

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, May 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 3:39 p.m. this day, *in camera*, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Omar Alghabra for Hon. Bob Rae, France Bonsant for Johanne Deschamps and Libby Davies for Paul Dewar.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee host a lunch for a delegation from Egypt at the Parliamentary Restaurant.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold a lunch meeting with the Asia-Pacific Heads of Mission Group.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/03 9:24 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008 the Committee resumed its study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Johanne Deschamps,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Hon. Bob Rae
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wayne Marston for Paul Dewar.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Gerald Schmitz, Principal;
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

York University:

Gregory T. Chin, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Graduate Studies
and Department of Political Science;
Bernie Michael Frolic, Professor Emeritus, Political Science
Department.

As an Individual:

Jeremy Paltiel, Professor, Carleton University.

University of British Columbia:

Pitman Potter, Professor of Law and Director of the Institute of
Asian Research , Director of Chinese Legal Studies, Centre for
Asian Legal Studies.

*International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice
Policy:*

Daniel C. Préfontaine, President.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met by videoconference at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Johanne Deschamps, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Hon. Bob Rae and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Wayne Marston for Paul Dewar.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: York University: Gregory T. Chin, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Department of Political Science; Bernie Michael Frolic, Professor Emeritus, Political Science Department. *As an individual:* Jeremy Paltiel, Professor, Carleton University. *University of British Columbia:* Pitman Potter, Professor of Law and Director of the Institute of Asian Research, Director of Chinese Legal Studies, Centre for Asian Legal Studies. *International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy:* Daniel C. Préfontaine, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008 the Committee resumed its study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue

Pitman Potter, Gregory T. Chin and Jeremy Paltiel made statements and answered questions.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Daniel C. Préfontaine and Bernie Michael Frolic made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Ninth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That the Committee continue studying the draft report on Afghanistan during the meetings on June 3 and June 5, 2008;

That the Committee continue studying the draft report on Afghanistan during the meeting of June 10, unless they have completed the report and then they will continue studying the draft report on China.

On motion of Denis Lebel, it was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/03 10:26 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 29, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008 the Committee resumed its study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Luc Malo for Johanne Deschamps,
and Bradley R. Trost for Denis Lebel.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst;
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Culture Regeneration Research Society:

Thomas In-Sing Leung, Professor.

As an Individual:

Rev. Jian Miller Zhuang.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met by videoconference at 8:35 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Luc Malo for Johanne Deschamps and Bradley R. Trost for Denis Lebel.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: Culture Regeneration Research Society: Thomas In-Sing Leung, Professor. *As an individual:* Rev. Jian Miller Zhuang.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008 the Committee resumed its study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue

Rev. Jian Miller Zhuang made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:34 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Thomas In-Sing Leung made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 10:34 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/03 10:28 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot,
Hon. Raymond Chan,
Johanne Deschamps,
Paul Dewar,
Peter Goldring,
Wajid Khan,
Denis Lebel,
Hon. Keith Martin,
Deepak Obhrai,
Bernard Patry,
Hon. Bob Rae
and Kevin Sorenson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Navdeep Bains for Hon. Raymond Chan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Lee, Analyst;

Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Angela Crandall

Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Hon. Bob Rae and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Navdeep Bains for Hon. Raymond Chan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:17 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:17 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Paul Dewar, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development report to the House the following recommendations; that the Government adopt the recommendations put forward in the Advisory Group Report: National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Canadian Extractive Industry in Developing Countries, and that the government announces its proposals for the implementation of the Report's recommendations.

The debate continued.

Deepak Obhrai moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “the following recommendations; that the Government adopt the recommendations put forward in ” with the words “that it recommends that the government provide its response in a reasonable time to ” and delete all the words after “Developing Countries”.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Deepak Obhrai and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 1.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 1.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development report to the House that it recommends that the government provide its response in a reasonable time to the Advisory Group Report: National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Canadian Extractive Industry in Developing Countries.

At 5:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/04 2:16 p.m.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, June 5, 2008

IN-CAMERA:

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, June 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Hon. Bob Rae and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Yasmin Ratansi for Hon. Raymond Chan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/06 11:46 a.m.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

IN-CAMERA:

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Bernard Patry, Hon. Bob Rae and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Raymond Chan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Francine Nantel, Traductor, Parliamentary Document.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/11 3:32 p.m.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chair: Bernard Patry.

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, June 12, 2008

IN-CAMERA:

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, June 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Bernard Patry, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry, Hon. Bob Rae and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Raymond Chan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Robert Dufresne, Analyst; James Lee, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Annick Boutin, Traductor, Parliamentary Document.

At 3.53 p.m., Kevin Sorenson took the Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 3, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Omar Khadr to explain why experts and his lawyers are calling for all accusations against him to be dismissed.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as a Report to the House and that the Chair or his/her designate present it.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), the Committee authorize the printing of brief dissenting and / or supplementary opinions as appendices to this report immediately after the signature of the Chair, that the opinions be submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, in both official languages.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee report to the House of Commons the potential breach of privilege resulting from the release of information contained in a confidential draft report, prior to its presentation to the House.

It was agreed, — That, the Committee report to the House that it recommends that at any time the House

stands adjourned during June and July 2008, and the Committee has a report ready, the said report may be deposited with the Clerk of the House and shall thereupon be deemed to have been presented to the House.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/13 3:00 p.m.

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

IN-CAMERA:

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Hon. Raymond Chan, Johanne Deschamps, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Hon. Keith Martin, Deepak Obhrai, Bernard Patry and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Martha Hall Findlay for Hon. Bob Rae.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal; James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2008, regardless of whether or not the House is sitting.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/18 2:26 p.m.

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Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, June 19, 2008

IN-CAMERA:

Français Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, June 19, 2008

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 1:08 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Vivian Barbot, Paul Dewar, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan, Denis Lebel, Bernard Patry, Hon. Bob Rae and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members present: Nicole Demers for Johanne Deschamps.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Lee, Analyst; Natalie Mychajlyszyn, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the report be adopted as a Report to the House and that the Chair or his designate present it to the House by tabling it with the Clerk of the House by July 31, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorised to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to this report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), the Committee authorize the printing of brief dissenting and/or supplementary opinions as appendices to this report immediately after the signature of the Chair, that the opinions be sent to the Clerk of the Committee by electronic mail in both official languages on/before Friday, July 11, 2008.

At 1:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/19 2:30 p.m.
